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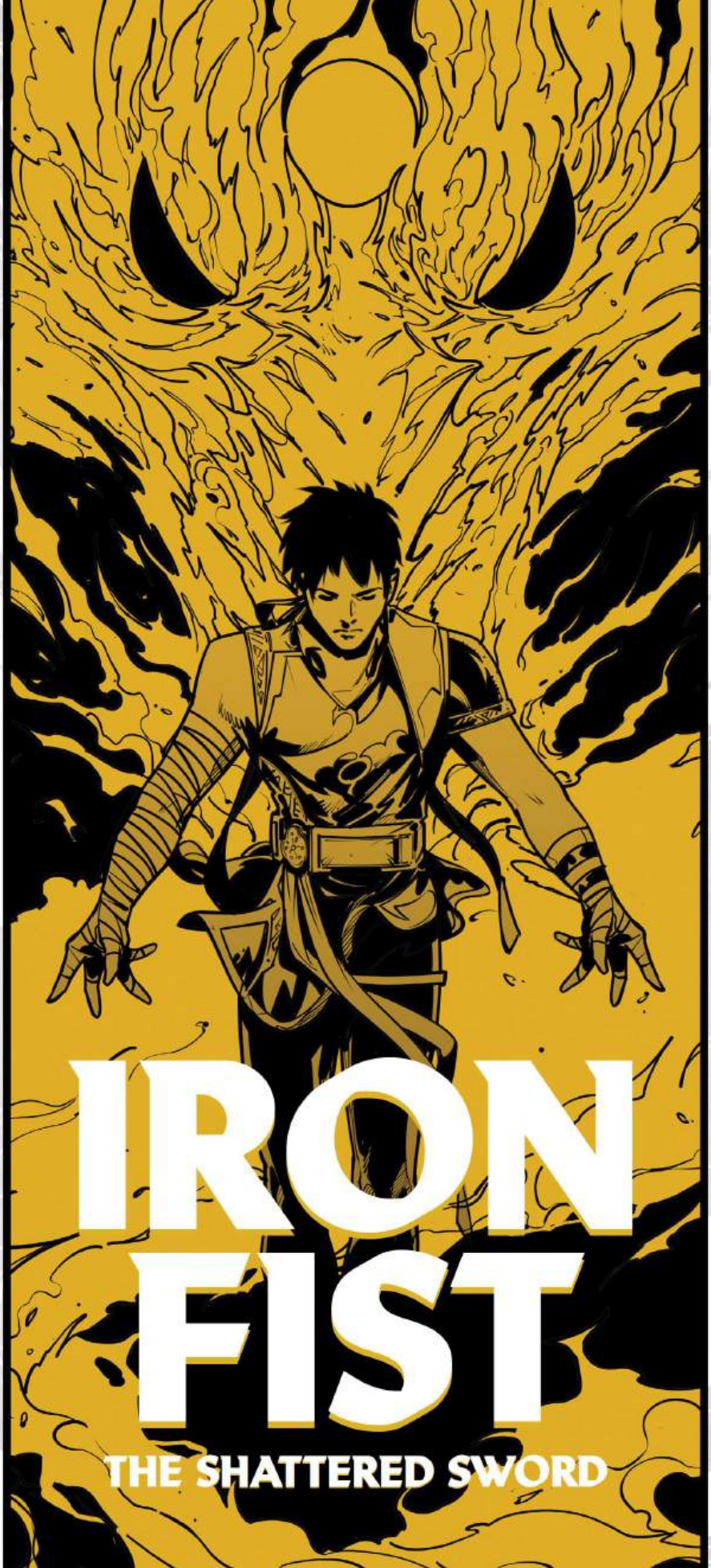
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Lin Lie was once the Sword Master, wielder of the mighty Sword of Fu Xi, until it shattered, causing shards to embed themselves within his hands. While on the verge of death, Lin Lie was saved by the chi of Shou-Lao the Undying, the dragon protector of the mysterious city of K'un-Lun. Shou-Lao bestowed the power of the Iron Fist on Lin Lie. Now he must track down the remaining shards of his shattered sword to once again seal away the dark destroyer's power. Lin Lie is...

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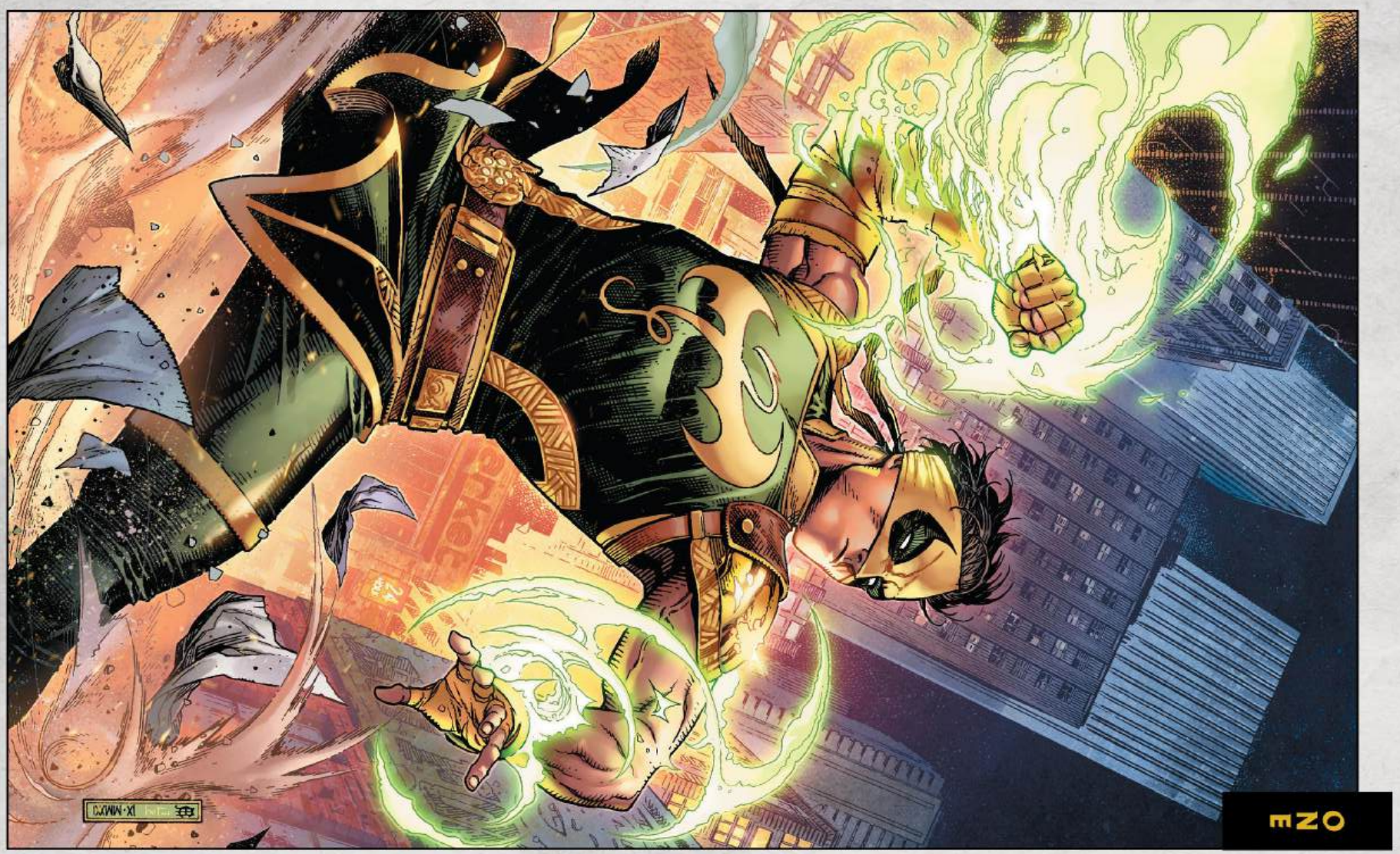
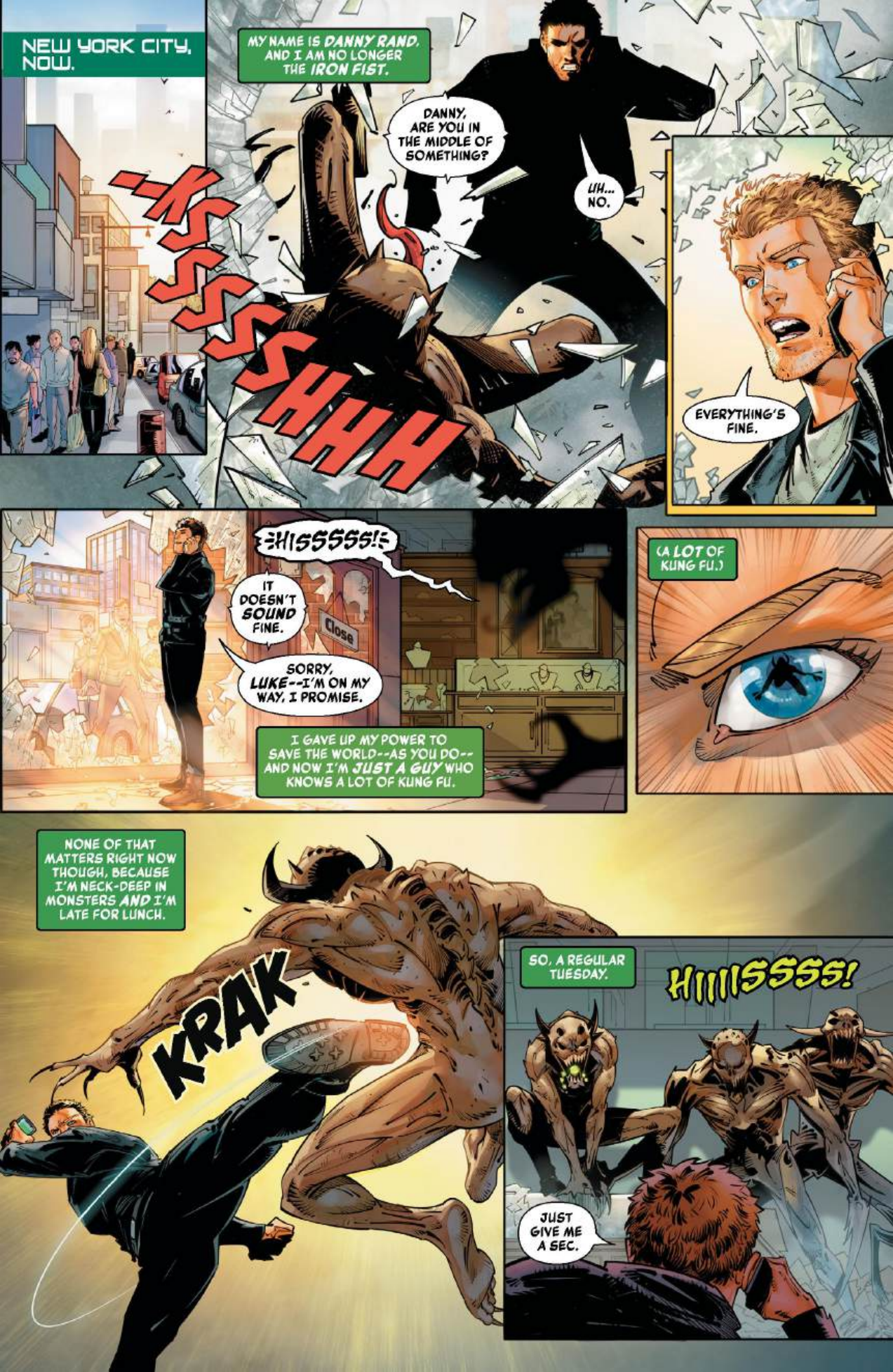


IRON FIST

The mystical city of **K'UN-LUN** has always had a protector: the **IRON FIST,** a warrior brave enough to battle and rip the living heart from K'un-Lun's sacred, immortal dragon, **SHOU-LAO THE UNDYING.** Blessed with the power of Shou-Lao's chi, Iron Fists are capable of superhuman feats...and burdened with centuries of responsibility and tradition.

Every generation has had an Iron Fist. But **DANNY RAND,** the most recent Iron Fist, has just given up his powers to save the world. Now Shou-Lao the Undying sleeps within his egg, waiting to be awakened once more...

K'UN-LUN, SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
HIIYAH!
STRAIGHTEN THOSE ARMS!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY OF YOU SLACKING OFF BECAUSE OF THE UPCOMING FESTIVAL OF REBIRTH.
YES, MASTER!
"STILL NO MOVEMENT FROM WITHIN THE EGG?"
NO, SPARROW YU-TI.
THE DRAGON SHOU-LAO THE UNDYING REMAINS DORMANT WITHIN.
SPARROW, GUARDIAN OF K'UN-LUN.
ANOTHER FESTIVAL OF REBIRTH WITHOUT YOU, SHOU-LAO.
REST WELL AND GROW QUICKLY, LITTLE DRAGON...
...K'UN-LUN IS VULNERABLE WITHOUT ITS CHAMPION, THE IRON FIST.
THE EGG!
IT'S--
KRRKK--


NEW YORK CITY, NOW.
MY NAME IS DANNY RAND, AND I AM NO LONGER THE IRON FIST.
DANNY, ARE YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING?
UH... NO.
-KSSSSHHH
EVERYTHING'S FINE.
=HISSSSS!=
IT DOESN'T SOUND FINE.
Close
SORRY, LUKE--I'M ON MY WAY, I PROMISE.
I GAVE UP MY POWER TO SAVE THE WORLD--AS YOU DO--AND NOW I'M JUST A GUY WHO KNOWS A LOT OF KUNG FU.
(A LOT OF KUNG FU.)
NONE OF THAT MATTERS RIGHT NOW THOUGH, BECAUSE I'M NECK-DEEP IN MONSTERS AND I'M LATE FOR LUNCH.
KRAK
SO, A REGULAR TUESDAY.
HIIISSSS!
JUST GIVE ME A SEC.

VWIP
LUKE CAGE
LUKE CAGE
LUKE CAGE
UH-HUH. I BET YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO TROUBLE AGAIN.
FWOOSH
WAKING THE VIPER.
THOK
CRANE'S PINION FEATHER.
WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING--FIGHTING SUPER VILLAINS, RESCUING PENSIONERS, CATCHING THE SEVEN TRAIN TO FLUSHING--HURRY IT UP.
PEI AND I ARE ALREADY AT THE RESTAURANT.
KA-KRAK
YOU KNOW THEY AREN'T GONNA SEAT US UNTIL THE WHOLE PARTY'S HERE.
MTA MAINTENANCE.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I'M ALREADY IN FLUSHING.
AND YOU'RE ON SPEAKERPHONE, SO--
TAK
SHHK
GAAH!
DANNY? YOU OKAY?
GRRRAAARR!
HURGH... HEY, BIG GUY...

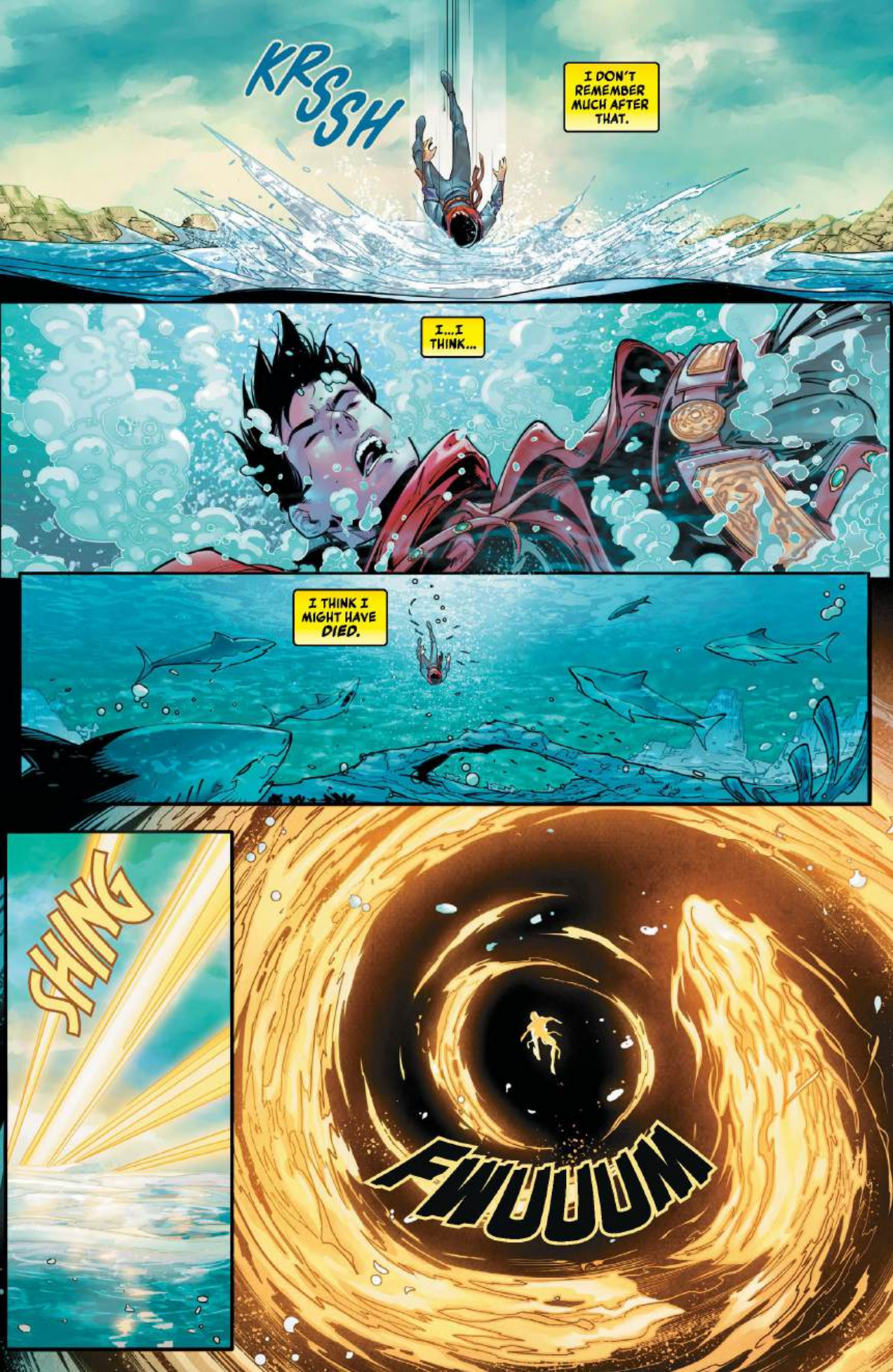
HOLD ON A SEC, LUKE--I'VE GOT SOMETHING ON MY HANDS.
I MIGHT NEED TO CALL YOU--
KSSHUUK
--BACK.
KSHH
WHO...
FUMP

...ARE YOU?
OPEN

JUST SOMEONE PASSING THROUGH.
FUNNY...IN THAT OUTFIT, YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEBODY.
I CAN ALMOST PUT MY FINGER ON IT.
=HSSSS!= GET...THE SHARDS...!
YOU'VE GOT GOOD MOVES, KID, BUT YOUR IRON FIST COSPLAY ISN'T SCREEN-ACCURATE.
THE COLOR SCHEME'S OFF, AND THE FIT'S TOO BAGGY.
AND, OF COURSE, YOU'RE MISSING THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT...WHAT TRULY DEFINES AN IRON FIST...
...THE HEART OF THE DRAGON.
THE CHI OF SHOU-LAO.
RIGHT.
I HEARD THAT WAS IMPORTANT.
FWOOOM

KRAK
WHAT?!
THAT'S THE REAL DEAL! HOW DID YOU GET SHOU-LAO'S CHI?!
KSSSH
HYAH!
NGH...
SSSSS
KID... ARE YOU OKAY?
YOUR FISTS ARE FLICKERING--
HEY, WAIT!
DANNY? YOU STILL THERE?
MY NAME IS DANNY RAND.
AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHO THE HELL THAT WAS.
SIGH
UGH... MY HANDS ARE KILLING ME.
MY NAME IS LIN LIE... AND I'M IN WAY OVER MY HEAD.

IT ALWAYS STARTS WITH A FALL.
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD.
IN MY CASE, IT STARTED WITH A DEMON: AN ANCIENT KUMIHO, SET FREE WHEN THE SORCERER SUPREME'S DEATH BROKE THE SPELL IMPRISONING HER.
MY FRIEND WHITE FOX AND I FOUGHT HER TOGETHER.
WHEN THE KUMIHO TRIED TO KILL WHITE FOX, I COULDN'T LET THAT HAPPEN, SO I DOVE IN FRONT OF HER--
--AND THE DEMON SHATTERED MY FAMILY'S DIVINE WEAPON.
THE SWORD OF FU XI IS ONE OF THREE WEAPONS FORGED TO PREVENT CHIYOU, GOD OF WAR, FROM RISING AGAIN TO DEVOUR THE WORLD. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE UNBREAKABLE.
BUT IT SPLINTERED INTO PIECES IN MY HANDS, AND I--
--I FELL.
AND FELL.
AND FELL.


KRSSH
I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH AFTER THAT.
I...I THINK...
I THINK I MIGHT HAVE DIED.
SHING
FWUUUM

IF I DID, IT CLEARLY DIDN'T STICK.

WHEN I WOKE UP ON THE SHORE OUTSIDE K'UN-LUN, I HAD NO IDEA WHERE I WAS OR HOW I GOT THERE.
ALL I KNEW WAS THAT MY HANDS WERE IN AGONY AND EMBEDDED WITH SHARDS OF MY SWORD.
THE FIRST TOMB OF CHIYOU. GOD OF WAR. THE DARK DESTROYER.
CHIYOU IS SEALED IN THREE TOMBS, EACH ONE PROTECTED BY THE POWER OF A DIVINE WEAPON.
WHEN MY FATHER REMOVED THE SWORD GUARDING CHIYOU'S SKULL, PART OF THE DARK DESTROYER'S POWER WAS RELEASED INTO THE WORLD.
AND NOW, THANKS TO ME, WE MIGHT NEVER BE ABLE TO SEAL HIM UP AGAIN.
THE SWORD OF FU XI IS MY DUTY. MY IDENTITY.
WHAT GOOD IS A SWORD MASTER WITHOUT HIS SWORD?
THERE YOU ARE.
SHOULD HAVE FIGURED YOU'D BE BROODING ON A ROOFTOP.
THAT'S AN IRON FIST CLASSIC.

HOLD ON, DON'T RUN OFF! I JUST WANT TO TALK.
WHY DON'T WE GRAB SOME LUNCH WITH MY FRIENDS AND YOU CAN TELL ME HOW YOU GOT THE CHI OF SHOU-LAO--
NOT INTERESTED.
I'VE GOT MY OWN MISSION.
LET ME GUESS: IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE GLOWING GREEN SHARDS.
LIKE THE ONE THAT DEMON ATE...AND THE ONES THAT MAKE YOUR FISTS HURT.
THAT SOUNDS INCREDIBLY LIKE NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
WELL, I'M NOSY.
COME ON, KID-- YOU'RE CLEARLY IN OVER YOUR HEAD! LET ME HELP YOU!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
I DON'T WANT OR NEED YOUR HELP!
BUT YOU DO NEED THIS, RIGHT?
GLINT

YOU STOLE THAT FROM ME?!
QUICK HANDS-- DECADES OF PRACTICE.
COME ON-- ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS AND I'LL GIVE YOU BACK YOUR SHINY ROCK--
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
GIVE IT BACK NOW!
FWSH
HOW OLD ARE YOU? NOW!
ZODIAC SIGN?
I BET YOU'RE AN ARIES.
NO, I'M A TIGER.
KRAK
OOPF!

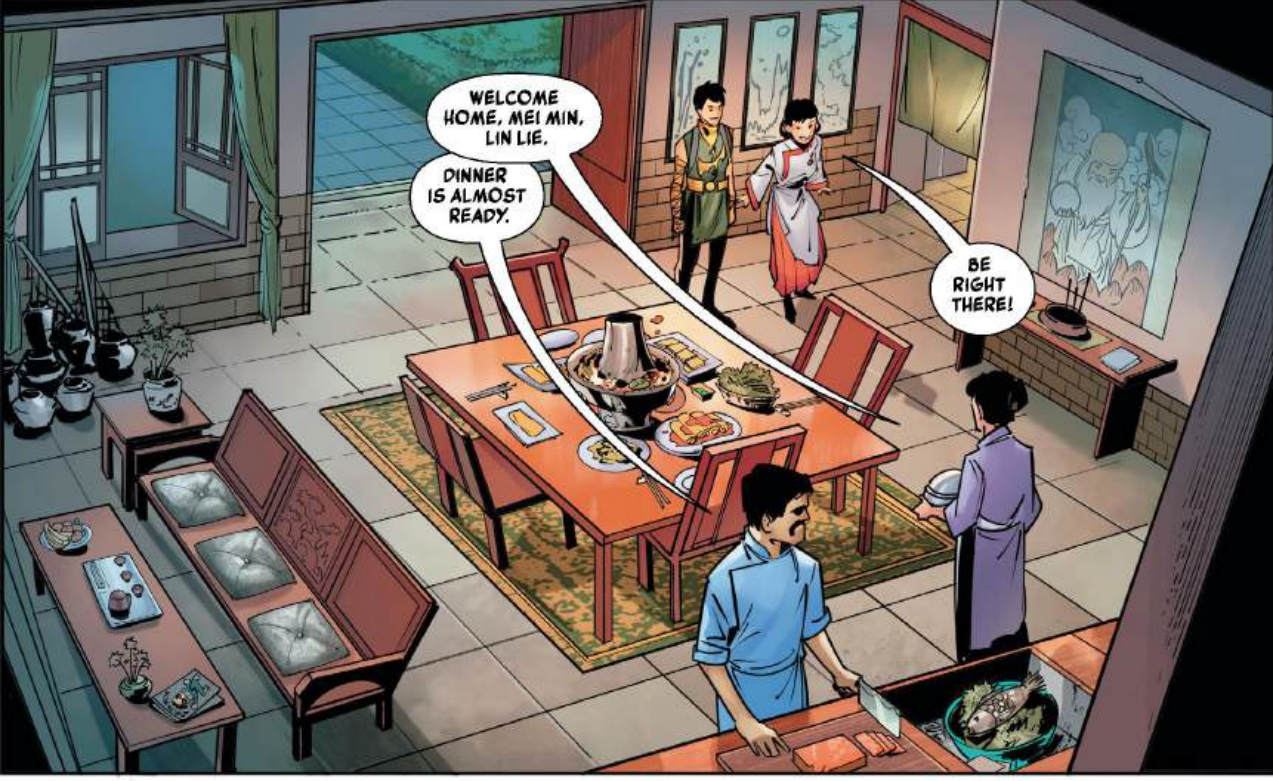
I MAY NOT BE AN IRON FIST ANY-MORE, BUT I RECOGNIZE THOSE FORMS.
SHEFF
SOME BAJIQUAN...
...SOME WING CHUN...
...AND SOME MOVES THEY ONLY TEACH IN K'UN-LUN.
SHF
SCORPION'S SLY STING.
WAKING THE SUN.
I USED TO CALL THAT ONE "THE THUNDERER'S SPECIAL."
SHUK
GH!
YOU FROM K'UN-LUN?
SHANGHAI.
FWOOM
HUH.
TRIP
GAH!
FUMP
LOOK, KID, YOU CAN'T EVEN CONTROL THE DRAGON CHI.
YOU'VE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN.

MAYBE...
...BUT I'M A QUICK STUDY.
GLINT
WHAT--? HEY!
BYEEE!
FWIP
GET BACK HERE!
FOOM

YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
VWIP
YOU HAVE TO PAY THE FARE!
VWIP
PROMISE I'LL PAY FOR BOTH OF US WHEN I GET BACK!
HEY, GET OFF THE TRACKS!
ARE YOU TRYING TO GET YOURSELVES KILLED?!
HE'S HEADING DEEPER BENEATH THE TUNNELS...
COULD THERE BE--
--ANOTHER GATE TO K'UN-LUN?!
THAT SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE... I DIDN'T KNOW THIS ONE EXISTED!
KRACKLE
POP
WAIT, WHAT?
THE GATE'S GONE!

K'UN-LUN.
KRACKLE
OOF!
THERE YOU ARE, LIN LIE.
I WAS STARTING TO THINK YOU'D MISS ALL THE FUN.
MEI MIN... ARE THOSE CHIYOU'S DEMONS?
KZZZK
YEP. THEY SNUCK OVER WHILE YOU WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE.
LET ME JUST CLOSE THIS PORTAL SO NOTHING ELSE CROSSES INTO K'UN-LUN.
I'M SO SORRY, MEI MIN.
CREAAK
IT'S FINE--I TOOK CARE OF THEM.
YEAH, BUT... WE BOTH KNOW THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

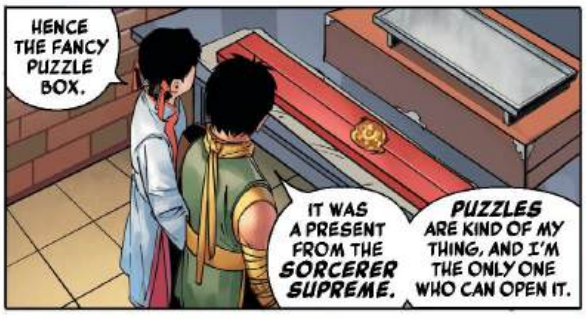
EHH, MAYBE?
IT MIGHT BE--EVER SINCE I RESCUED YOU, AFTER YOU WASHED UP HERE HALF DEAD AND KEPT ALIVE ONLY BY SHOU-LAO'S CHI, DEMONS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND A WAY INTO THE CITY.
THAT DEFINITELY SOUNDS LIKE MY FAULT.
I'M JUST MESSING WITH YOU.
OUR HIDDEN CITY HAS FACED COUNTLESS THREATS OVER THE CENTURIES, INCLUDING DEMONS. IT'S NOT EXACTLY UNUSUAL AT THIS POINT.
AND AS A HOPEFUL THUNDERER-TO-BE, I'M ALWAYS DOWN TO KICK SOME DEMON ASS.
THUNDERER, HUH?
THAT WOULD BE SO COOL.
YEAH! I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE SPARROW YU'TI.
MA! BA! WE'RE HOME!


WELCOME HOME, MEI MIN, LIN LIE.
DINNER IS ALMOST READY.
BE RIGHT THERE!

YOUR PARENTS ARE SO NICE.
CAREFUL, THEY MIGHT TRY TO ADOPT YOU.
CLICK CLICK

THAT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD.
SHAK

MY FAMILY--MY DAD AND BROTHER-- DISAPPEARED JUST BEFORE I FOUND THIS SWORD.
NOW THESE PIECES ARE ALL I HAVE LEFT OF THEM.
IF CHIYOU'S DEMON ARMY GETS AHOLD OF THE SHARDS, NOT ONLY WILL IT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO LOCK HIM AWAY AGAIN...BUT HE'LL ALSO HAVE THE POWER OF A DIVINE WEAPON.


HENCE THE FANCY PUZZLE BOX.
IT WAS A PRESENT FROM THE SORCERER SUPREME.
PUZZLES ARE KIND OF MY THING, AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN OPEN IT.

HEY, JUST SO YOU KNOW...YOU CAN BORROW MY FAMILY ANYTIME.
THEY LOVE YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN.

STOP BEING SO GLUM. COME ON--LET'S GO EAT!
I'VE GOT SOME THEORIES I WANT TO DISCUSS.

SO, THAT SWORD IS ONE OF THE THREE SACRED WEAPONS THAT PREVENTS AN EVIL GOD NAMED CHIYOU FROM RESURRECTING AND DEVOURING THE WORLD.
AND NOW IT'S IN PIECES, AND SOME OF THOSE PIECES ARE EMBEDDED IN YOUR HANDS.
CAUSING ME UNBEARABLE AGONY, YEAH.
MORE SOUP, LIN LIE?
UH, THANK YOU.
YOU'RE TRYING TO COLLECT ALL THE SHARDS OF YOUR SACRED SWORD IN HOPE OF REFORGING IT... BUT CHIYOU'S DEMON MINIONS WANT IT TOO.
I THINK THEY WANT THE CHI OF SHOU-LAO THE UNDYING INHABITING YOUR BODY. OR THEY JUST WANT YOU.
YOUR CHI IS SEVERELY IMBALANCED, DEAR.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO SKINNY.
GLOP
OR IT'S THE SHARDS' FAULT--THEY'VE DISRUPTED YOUR BODY'S ENERGY FLOW, AND NOW YOU'RE LEAKING SPIRITUAL ENERGY EVERYWHERE.
"MAYBE THAT'S WHAT DREW SHOU-LAO'S CHI TO YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE, LIN LIE.
"YOUR SWORD'S TASTY, TASTY SPIRITUAL ENERGY.
KRSHH
"THAT'S BOUND TO ATTRACT THE SUPERNATURAL."
HSSS

I'M WORRIED THAT IF YOU DON'T FIND A WAY TO BALANCE YOUR CHI AND HARNESS SHOU-LAO'S, THE IMBALANCE WILL KILL YOU.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO REMOVE THESE SHARDS SAFELY.
YOUR HANDS ARE VERY WARM.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE IN K'UN-LUN, WE'LL FIND A WAY TO HELP YOU.
I PROMISE.
DARLING, HAS THE TEA FINISHED BREWING?
KRRK
YES, DEAR.
IT'S ALMOST READY.
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

TWO

K'UN-LUN IS A LAND OF MANY LEGENDS. THIS ONE OPENS WITH A QUESTION:
DO YOU KNOW WHAT FEAR FEELS LIKE?
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW LONG YOU TRAIN TO CONQUER IT.
HOW BADLY YOU WANT POWER.
LAIR OF SHOU-LAO THE UNDYING. K'UN-LUN.
TO BE THE IRON FIST.
TO BE A HERO.
THERE IS NOTHING MORE POWERFUL THAN FEAR.
IT ISN'T UNTIL YOU STAND BEFORE SHOU-LAO THE UNDYING, DRAGON OF K'UN-LUN, STARING YOUR OWN DEATH IN THE FACE...
...THAT YOU REALIZE YOU HAVE A CHOICE.
TO EMBRACE IT.
TO TRANSCEND IT.

SHANGHAI.
TO RISE.
MEI MIN.
LIN LIE. A.K.A. IRON FIST.

TONIGHT, LET'S TAKE A CHANCE! (MOONLIT SPACE)!*
HEY, THAT'S A LUNA SNOW SONG!
WHERE DID YOU LEARN THAT, MEI MIN?
*TRANSLATED FROM KOREAN.
STOLE YOUR PHONE WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP.
KRACK
GRAH!
I DON'T THINK SPARROW'S EVER GOING TO FORGIVE ME FOR TEACHING YOU ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA.
SHE'S K'UN-LUN'S YU-TI, OUR OH-SO-WISE RULER, NOT MY MOTHER.
I LIKE THIS SIDE OF THE WORLD BETTER-- THERE'S NO INTERNET IN K'UN-LUN.
RIGHT, JUST CHIYOU THE DARK DESTROYER'S DEMON MINIONS.
INTERNET ACCESS IS PRETTY GREAT THOUGH.
WATCH YOUR LEFT SIDE!
THOK
HSSS
URGH...MY HANDS!
NO, NO, NOT RIGHT NOW--!

AGH! NOT AGAIN!
COME ON, DRAGON CHI!
SSSSS
HISSS!
KRNCH
YOU WATCH YOUR LEFT SIDE!
OKAY, REMEMBER WHAT SHANG-CHI TAUGHT YOU.
CALM DOWN, FOCUS YOUR CHI, AND...
...YOU KNOW WHAT, FORGET IT!
GYEEH!
KRAK

THAT DEMON HAS THE LAST SWORD SHARD!
IT'S GETTING AWAY!
GIVE ME A BOOST?
YOU GOT IT.
THUK
HUP!
FWOOSH
COME ON, COME ON, COME ON--
FSSSSHH
THERE WE GO--

KA-KRAKKEN!
--THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

GOT IT.
HELL YEAH, THAT WAS AWESOME!
THANKS FOR THE LIFT.
TUMP
SO THAT'S ALL THE SACRED SWORD SHARDS IN THE AREA, RIGHT?
I DON'T SENSE ANY MORE... THE PIECES OF THE SWORD OF FU XI EMBEDDED IN MY HANDS HAVE STOPPED RESONATING.
THEY ACHE ALL THE TIME, BUT WHEN THE DARK DESTROYER'S DEMONS ARE AFOOT, THE PAIN IS ALMOST UNBEARABLE.
SPEAKING OF HANDS... YOU'RE STILL HAVING TROUBLE CONTROLLING THE CHI OF SHOU-LAO?
YEAH...AND I THINK IT'S GETTING WORSE.
I'LL TELL YOU MORE WHEN WE GET BACK TO K'UN-LUN.
MY MOM MAKES AN HERBAL TEA THAT HELPS SOOTHE PAIN. I'M SURE SHE'LL BREW YOU SOME.
BEFORE WE GO...THIS IS YOUR HOMETOWN. YOUR DIMENSION.
IS THERE ANYONE YOU WANT TO CONTACT WHILE YOUR PHONE STILL HAS A SIGNAL?
I...
...NO.
THERE'S NO ONE.
RIIIGHT.
THAT WAS EXTREMELY UNCONVINCING, BUT IF YOU INSIST.
I DO. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...

"...BEFORE WE ATTRACT ANY MORE ATTENTION."
OKAY, SERIOUSLY.
DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHO THE HELL THIS IS?
MYSTERIOUS DEMON-SLAYERS SPOTTED IN SHANGHAI!
Look at him omg
Is that Iron Fist?! Slay my heart more like
Who is she!!!
NEW YORK CITY.
DANNY RAND. FORMER IRON FIST.
LUKE CAGE.
PEI.
LANGUAGE, DANNY.
PEI IS RIGHT HERE.
I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE, UNCLE LUKE. HE SAYS IT ALL THE TIME!
THANKS FOR RATTING ME OUT, PEI.
I'VE HEARD OF HIM!
HE'S BEEN SPOTTED ALL OVER THE WORLD. HE ONLY APPEARS WHEN SOME STRANGE DEMONS NO ONE'S SEEN BEFORE ARE AROUND.
SOMETIMES HE'S ALONE, BUT SOMETIMES HE SHOWS UP WITH THAT GIRL.
COLLEEN WING.
SOUNDS LIKE AN URBAN LEGEND.
YOU'RE SURE HE'S A REAL IRON FIST?
MISTY KNIGHT.
I'VE ONLY MET HIM ONCE, BUT I'M CERTAIN ABOUT TWO THINGS: THAT HE'S FROM SHANGHAI...
...AND THAT HE CAN USE THE CHI OF SHOU-LAO.
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES.

UGH, AND HE WAS SO ACROBATIC!
JUST WATCHING HIM MADE ME FEEL OLD.
GOD, I MISS HAVING THAT MUCH CARTILAGE BETWEEN MY JOINTS.
EVERYONE GETS OLD, DANNY.
WITHOUT THE DRAGON CHI, MY BODY FEELS SO ORDINARY.
I GET BACK PAIN NOW. IS THAT NORMAL?
UNFORTUNATELY, YEAH.
NOT FOR ME.
ALL OF THE GATES TO K'UN-LUN ARE LOCKED.
NO ONE CAN TRAVEL THERE FROM THIS SIDE-- TRUST ME, I'VE TRIED. IT'S COMPLETELY SEALED OFF.
HOWEVER THEY'RE DOING IT... IT'S BRAND NEW. OR VERY OLD.
SHOULD WE ASK UNCLE FOOH TO BUILD A NEW GATE?
OR WE COULD WAIT FOR THIS MYSTERIOUS IRON FIST TO SHOW UP IN OUR DIMENSION AND GRAB HIM WHEN HE STEPS OUT OF THE PORTAL.
THOSE ARE ALL GOOD IDEAS, BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN...
...AND I THINK I KNOW WHO WE CAN ASK FOR HELP.

K'UN-LUN.
...SO, NO GIRLFRIEND BACK HOME?
NO, SORRY.
NO BOYFRIEND BACK HOME?
ALSO NO.
UGH, BORING.
LOOK WHO'S BACK.
OUR "ESTEEMED" IRON FIST.
ALTHOUGH... WITH THE PROBLEMS YOU'RE HAVING CONTROLLING THE CHI OF SHOU-LAO, CAN WE REALLY CALL YOU AN IRON FIST?
YANG YI.
NICE TO SEE YOU TOO, YANG YI.
THE NEXT IRON FIST SHOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF US.
ANY OF US--EVEN MEI MIN.
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME.
SNAP

I--I DIDN'T CALL SHOU-LAO TO ME ON PURPOSE.
THAT'S EVEN WORSE!
YOU STOLE SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO K'UN-LUN AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ITS WORTH.
THE LAST IRON FIST WAS AN OUTSIDER. SO WAS THE ONE BEFORE HIM.
SPECIAL ENOUGH THAT THE DRAGON CHOSE THEM... OR CALLOUS ENOUGH TO RIP ITS HEART OUT WITHOUT RESPECT.
SO WHY DON'T YOU PROVE YOURSELF, LIN LIE?
SHUNK
GO ON.
PICK IT UP, SWORD MASTER.
THAT'S WHO YOU WERE BEFORE YOU BECAME THE IRON FIST, ISN'T IT?
BUT I'VE SEEN HOW MANGLED YOUR HANDS ARE UNDER THOSE WRAPS.
HOW YOU CAN PUNCH THROUGH A WALL USING SHOU-LAO'S CHI...BUT WITHOUT IT, YOU STRUGGLE TO GRASP A PAIR OF CHOPSTICKS OR LIFT A TEACUP.
IF YOU CAN'T EVEN HOLD A SWORD AND MASTER YOUR OWN FAMILY'S TRADITIONS, HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO MASTER K'UN-LUN'S?

I'M NOT GOING TO FIGHT YOU, YANG YI.
BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T WIN.
SNAP
I DON'T NEED THE CHI OF SHOU-LAO TO DEFEAT YOU!
I TRAINED MY ENTIRE LIFE TO BECOME THE NEXT IRON FIST!
AND LOOK AT YOU.
THAK
NGH!
YOUR FORM IS A MESS.
OPENINGS EVERYWHERE, NO CONSISTENCY.
IT SCREAMS "SELF-TAUGHT."
YOU'VE NEVER MASTERED A SINGLE DISCIPLINE!

NO-- BUT I LEARNED FROM MANY TEACHERS.
WHAM
HGH!
"ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST MARTIAL ARTS MASTERS: SHANG-CHI.
"A TAEKWONDO CHILD PRODIGY AND HER GIANT SPIRIT BEAR: CRESCENT AND IO.
"THE LAST LIVING KUMIHO: WHITE FOX."
THEY DIDN'T TEACH ME HOW TO BECOME AN IRON FIST, BUT THEY TAUGHT ME HOW TO SURVIVE!
HAH! LET'S PUT THOSE LESSONS TO THE TEST--

THAT'S ENOUGH.
FW-OOM
YOU SHOULD BOTH BE ASHAMED.
ESPECIALLY YOU, YANG YI. I EXPECTED BETTER FROM THE YANG FAMILY'S ELDEST SON.
SPARROW! YU-TI! I--
AS FOR YOU, LIN LIE, THIS BEHAVIOR IS HARDLY BEFITTING OF AN IRON FIST.
BUT SPARROW YU-TI, YANG YI STARTED IT!
SPARROW YU-TI IS RIGHT.
I'M SORRY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, LIN LIE?!
SIGH
MEI MIN, LIN LIE...JUST GO HOME.

MEI MIN'S FAMILY'S HOME.
KNOCK KNOCK
SAVED YOU SOME DINNER.
I FIGURED YOU WERE TOO BUSY WORKING ON THAT PUZZLE TO EAT.
THANKS, MIN.
I'M NOT HUNGRY...BUT I'LL TRY TO HAVE SOME.
IF YOU'RE STILL THINKING ABOUT WHAT YANG YI SAID, DON'T.
HE'S FULL OF CRAP.
NO...HE'S RIGHT.
I USED TO BE ABLE TO SWING A SWORD NEARLY AS TALL AS MYSELF, AND NOW MOVING MY FINGERS IS SO PAINFUL I CAN BARELY USE CHOPSTICKS.
THE SWORD SHARDS EMBEDDED IN MY HANDS AND ARMS ARE CONSTANT AGONY.
SOMETIMES SHOU-LAO'S CHI EASES THE PAIN... SOMETIMES IT MAKES IT WORSE.
EVEN IF MY HANDS WEREN'T A MESS, I HAVEN'T UNDERGONE ANY OF THE TRADITIONAL STEPS TO BECOMING AN IRON FIST.
THE TRAINING, THE TOURNAMENT, FIGHTING THE DRAGON...
HOW CAN I CALL MYSELF AN IRON FIST WITHOUT THOSE?

I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
HAVE YOU SEEN THE PAINTING IN MY PARENTS' ROOM?
THAT'S A PORTRAIT OF WU AO-SHI. SHE WAS A FAMOUS PIRATE QUEEN... AND ONE OF ONLY A FEW WOMEN TO BECOME AN IMMORTAL IRON FIST.
SHE COULD CHANNEL HER CHI INTO HER ARROWS, AND SHE ONCE USED THEM TO BURN DOWN AN ENTIRE FLEET OF SHIPS.
SHE WAS AN INCREDIBLE IRON FIST...BUT SOMETIME OVER THE CENTURIES, WOMEN WERE FORBIDDEN FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE TRIALS AND THEN FROM FIGHTING ALTOGETHER.
HER MEMORY BECAME A LIABILITY. WU AO-SHI WAS PROOF OF OUR HISTORY AND A SYMBOL OF WHAT WE COULD BECOME AGAIN.
JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING'S TRADITIONAL DOESN'T MEAN IT'S GOOD.
ALL IT MEANS IS THAT THINGS WERE DONE A CERTAIN WAY FOR A LONG TIME.
BUT TIMES CHANGE, AND SO DO WE.

MEI MIN IS RIGHT.
AHH!
SP-SPARROW YU-TI?!
WHEN I WAS A CHILD--BEFORE I WAS FREE--I USED TO COME HERE ALL THE TIME. IT FELT LIKE WU AO-SHI WAS WATCHING OVER ME.
WHEN I BECAME OUR CITY'S THUNDERER, AND LATER ITS LEADER, I VOWED TO MAKE K'UN-LUN A PLACE WHERE ANYONE COULD BECOME THE IMMORTAL IRON FIST...
...LIKE A BEGGAR GIRL TURNED PIRATE QUEEN.
LIN LIE, EVERY IRON FIST FACES STRUGGLES BEYOND SHOU-LAO'S TRIALS.
THAT IS JUST BEING HUMAN.
I WITNESSED THE PREVIOUS IRON FIST RELEARN TO USE HIS HANDS AFTER THEY WERE PULVERIZED.
WHEN I LOST MY EYES, I ALSO HAD TO RELEARN HOW TO NAVIGATE THE WORLD.
RECOVERY ISN'T ONLY ABOUT RESTORING WHAT YOU HAVE LOST.
IT'S ABOUT BUILDING NEW WAYS OF BEING...AND ACCEPTING THE PERSON YOU'VE BECOME THROUGH HARDSHIP.
YOUR FIRST LESSON STARTS NOW.

"DON'T BE AFRAID OF FAILURE.
"IF YOU CANNOT SWING A SWORD, PRACTICE LIFTING IT INSTEAD."
HYA!
"IT'S TRUE THAT NO ONE HAS EVER TAKEN THIS ROUTE TO BECOMING THE IRON FIST WITH THE STEPS OUT OF ORDER OR CHANGED ENTIRELY.
"AS THE IRON FIST, YOU ARE THE VESSEL AND GUARDIAN OF K'UN-LUN'S MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE: OUR DRAGON.
"YOU MUST TREAT YOURSELF AS PRECIOUS TOO...AND ALLOW THOSE AROUND YOU TO DO THE SAME.

"BUILDING STRENGTH IS A PROCESS.
"WHEN YOU CAN RELY ON YOUR BODY, IT IS FAR EASIER TO BE CONFIDENT IN YOUR SKILLS.
"FIXING YOUR CHI FLOW, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS GOING TO BE HARDER.
"THE SACRED SWORD SHARDS ARE DISRUPTING YOUR ENERGY'S PATHWAYS THROUGH YOUR BODY.
"THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T CHANNEL SHOU-LAO'S CHI CONSISTENTLY--IT BUILDS UP AND MISFIRES IN YOUR SYSTEM.
"BUT NEW ISN'T NECESSARILY BAD.
"IT'S JUST DIFFERENT.
"AND THE ONLY IRON FIST YOU CAN BE IS YOURSELF."

FWSSH
URGH!
THE SHARDS--MY HANDS--!
LIN LIE! WHAT'S WRONG?!
THE SWORD SHARDS ARE BURNING--IT FEELS LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO PULL THEMSELVES OUT OF MY SKIN!
"THEY FEEL AFRAID.
"THEY'RE RESPONDING TO SOMETHING FAR AWAY.
"BUT WHAT COULD CAUSE SUCH A REACTION--
--NO. IT CAN'T BE.
FIRST TOMB OF CHIYOU THE DARK DESTROYER, GOD OF WAR.
"WHEN THE SACRED SWORD SHATTERED, THE SEALS BINDING CHIYOU THE DARK DESTROYER WERE WEAKENED...
"BUT THIS FEELS DIFFERENT. PERMANENT.
STOP, INTRUDER! LEAVE THIS HALLOWED PLACE AT ONCE!
ALTHOUGH THE SACRED SWORD NO LONGER PROTECTS THIS TOMB, WE WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO DEFILE IT!
YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE!

PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND.
THIS TOMB IS IN MY FAMILY'S CARE.
"THE SEAL HAS BEEN BROKEN."
MY NAME IS LIN FENG.
AND I'M HERE TO TAKE WHAT'S MINE...FROM MY BROTHER.

THREE

SHANGHAI, MANY YEARS AGO.
HRM...
JINGLE JINGLE JINGLE
JINGLE JINGLE
COME ON, STUPID LOCK...
LIN LIE. 11 YEARS OLD.

YOU SURE IT'S THE LOCK THAT'S STUPID?

BECAUSE YOU'RE MAKING A LOT OF NOISE TRYING TO BREAK INTO DAD'S OFFICE, LIE.
LIN FENG. 15 YEARS OLD.

FENG GEGE!*
I--I KNOW HE TOLD US NOT TO GO IN THERE WHILE HE'S AWAY, BUT I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT WAS INSIDE...
ARE YOU GONNA TELL BABA?
*TRANSLATION: "OLDER BROTHER."

NOT IF YOU DON'T.
TING

CLICK
NEVER PICK A LOCK WHEN YOU CAN STEAL THE KEYS.
WOOOW.
DAD WON'T BE HOME FROM HIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.
AS LONG AS WE PUT EVERYTHING BACK WHERE WE FOUND IT, HE'LL NEVER KNOW WE WERE IN HERE.
WHOA, THIS IS SO COOL! LOOK AT THIS STUFF!
BA'S ALWAYS HUNTING DOWN THOSE OLD LEGENDS.
HEY, IS THAT A SWORD?!
I HOPE DAD COMES HOME WITH MORE STORIES!
AND PRESENTS FOR ME!
...YEAH.

"I HOPE HE BRINGS BACK SOMETHING FOR ME TOO."
FIRST TOMB OF CHIYOU THE DARK DESTROYER, GOD OF WAR. NOW.
YOU!
THIS IS DEMON MAGIC!
HERE, HAVE A LITTLE TASTE OF WHAT AWAITS YOU.
I DON'T MIND SHARING.
KRACKL
GYAAAH!
STEP AWAY FROM THAT DOOR!
SLASH
WHY?
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT'S BEHIND IT?
KRKL

CAPTAIN!
WHAT--WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM?!
JUST A LITTLE "DEMON MAGIC"...COURTESY OF CHIYOU, THE DARK DESTROYER.
IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE I CLAWED MY WAY FREE OF HIS TOMB AND CRAWLED OUT OF THIS PLACE.
I SEE YOU INSTALLED A DOOR IN MY ABSENCE.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S GOING TO KEEP ME OUT.
CAN'T YOU HEAR CHIYOU CALLING?
I CAN FEEL HIM RESONATING THROUGH EVERY CELL OF MY BODY.
UNDENIABLE. UNSTOPPABLE.
GRAAAAH!
CAPTAIN, NOO-- AAGHH!
HE BROUGHT ME BACK HERE FOR A REASON.
I CAN SENSE IT...

"...AND SO CAN MY SWORD."
K'UN-LUN.
LIN LIE, A.K.A. THE CURRENT IRON FIST... AND FORMER SWORD MASTER.
AGHH!

LIN LIE!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
HGH...IT FEELS LIKE ACID RACING THROUGH MY VEINS!
AND THIS PRESSURE-- IT'S LIKE THE SWORD SHARDS ARE TRYING TO PULL THEMSELVES FREE FROM MY ARMS!
UH, THAT SOUNDS REALLY BAD!
DOESN'T FEEL GREAT!
WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT?!
THE SWORD OF FU XI RESPONDS TO EVIL, YANG YI.
AND IT HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN.
WAIT... I CAN FEEL THE SHARDS PULLING IN A DIRECTION.
I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO GUIDE ME SOMEWHERE!

COME ON, MEI MIN!
THIS WAY!
HEY, WAIT!
DON'T YOU DARE LEAVE ME BEHIND!
SORRY! COMING THROUGH!
CRASH
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
SORRY!
CHILDREN THESE DAYS! COMPLETELY DEVOID OF RESPECT--
OUT OF MY WAY, OLD MAN!
THERE'S LIGHT SHINING OVER THAT PART OF THE CITY!
LIN LIE, I KNOW THAT AREA!
THAT'S MY NEIGHBORHOOD...

KSSSHHHHH
IT'S COMING FROM MY HOUSE!
THE PULL'S GOTTEN STRONGER.
VMMM
THEY MUST BE DRAWN TO THE BOX OF SWORD SHARDS IN MY ROOM--
--OR THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE INSIDE THE HOUSE.
MA! BA!

RIGHT HERE, SWEETIE.

BABA... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
WHAT ARE YOU?
A LOYAL SERVANT OF THE DARK DESTROYER AND AN INSTRUMENT OF HIS VOICE.
MY MASTER HAS FINALLY CALLED ME HOME...
...AND I WILL BRING HIM THE PIECES OF THE SACRED SWORD OF FU XI.
THIS WOMAN TRIED TO STOP ME FROM TAKING THE PUZZLE BOX.
WHAT HUMAN CAN HOPE TO STAND AGAINST ME AND MY MASTER?
NO...
KRAK
...GET AWAY FROM MY MOM!

I SEE YOU HAVE HER SPIRIT.
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
SLASH
YOU LIVED IN OUR HOUSE, ATE OUR FOOD--
WHERE'S MY FATHER?!
KRAK
HE IS LONG GONE.
I DEVOURED HIM AND STOLE HIS FORM MONTHS AGO.
WHAM
AGH!
CRASH
MEI MIN!
GET UP.
YANG YI...?
YOU'RE HELPING ME? DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD?

UGH, THIS IS WHY I DON'T BOTHER!
HOW ABOUT A LITTLE GRATITUDE, MEI?
KLANG
NO NEED TO BICKER, MY CHILD.
NGH!
MEI MIN, CATCH!
KA-KRAK
YOU'RE NOT HER REAL DAD!

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M NOT.
GRAB
GAH--!
I'M NOT HERE TO PLAY WITH YOU.
WHAM
AGH!
GHHK!
OPEN THE PUZZLE BOX AND GIVE ME THE SHARDS.
OR I'LL GUT THEM BOTH AND MAKE YOU WATCH.

LIE, DON'T DO IT!
NO, YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY DO IT.
IF CHIYOU GETS THE SHARDS AND HARNESSES THEIR POWER...
CLICK CLICK
CLICK
I KNOW.
SHIING
THAT'S RIGHT.
BRING ME THE PIECES OF THE SWORD.
SIGH
THIS IS GONNA SUCK.

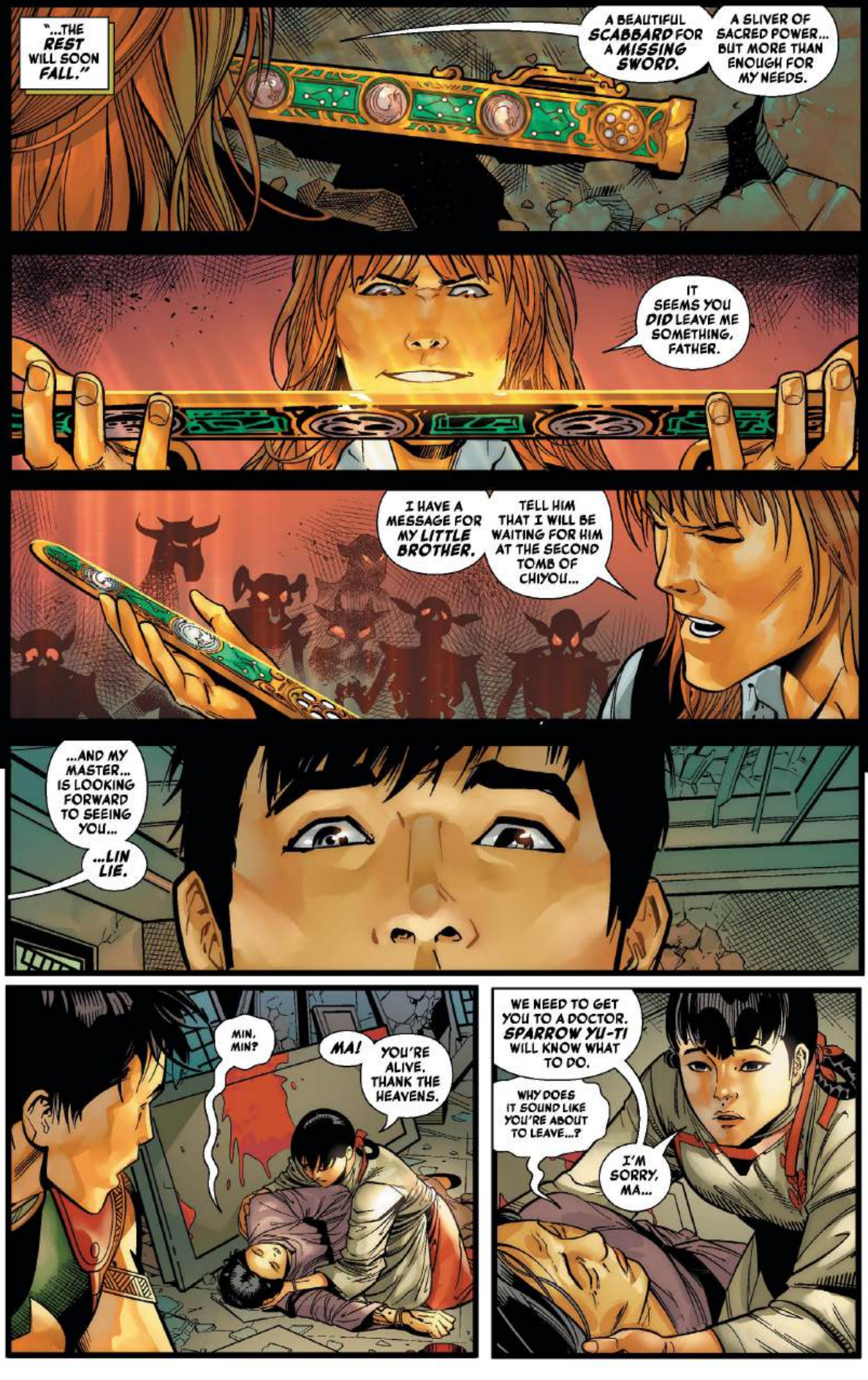
AAGH!
SHUNK
FWOOOOSH
YOU WANT THESE SHARDS?
COME AND GET THEM.

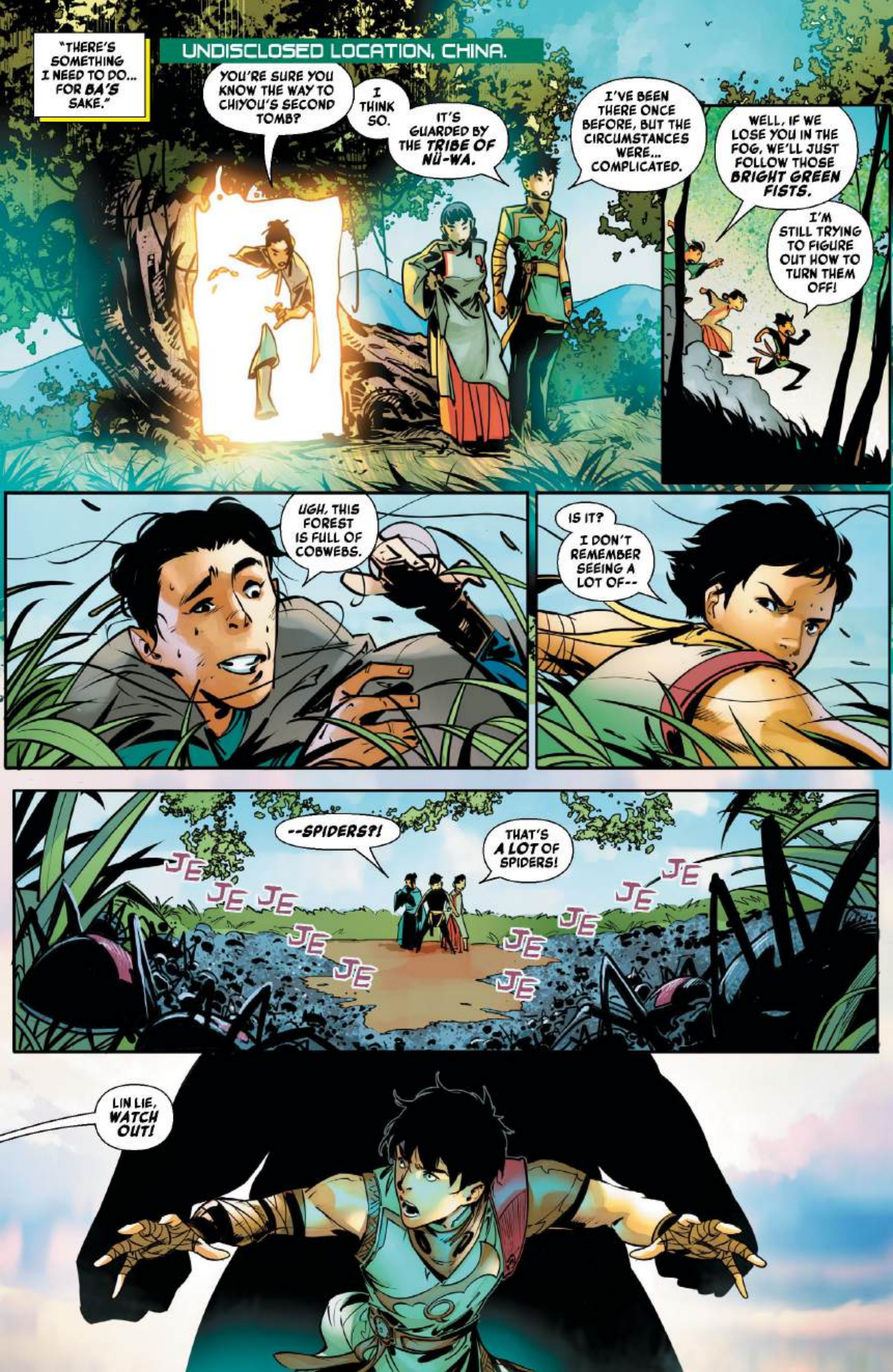
THIS IS MY FAMILY'S SWORD!
MY BIRTHRIGHT. MY DUTY.
KSSH
GRAAH!
KRAAK
MY BLADE MAY BE BROKEN, BUT IT'S MINE.
I WILL NEVER LET IT FALL INTO CHIYOU'S HANDS!
GYAAAA!
KSSH
I'M GOING TO RESTORE MY SWORD, AND THEN I'M GOING TO SEAL CHIYOU AWAY FOR GOOD.
YOUR MASTER WILL NEVER WIN!

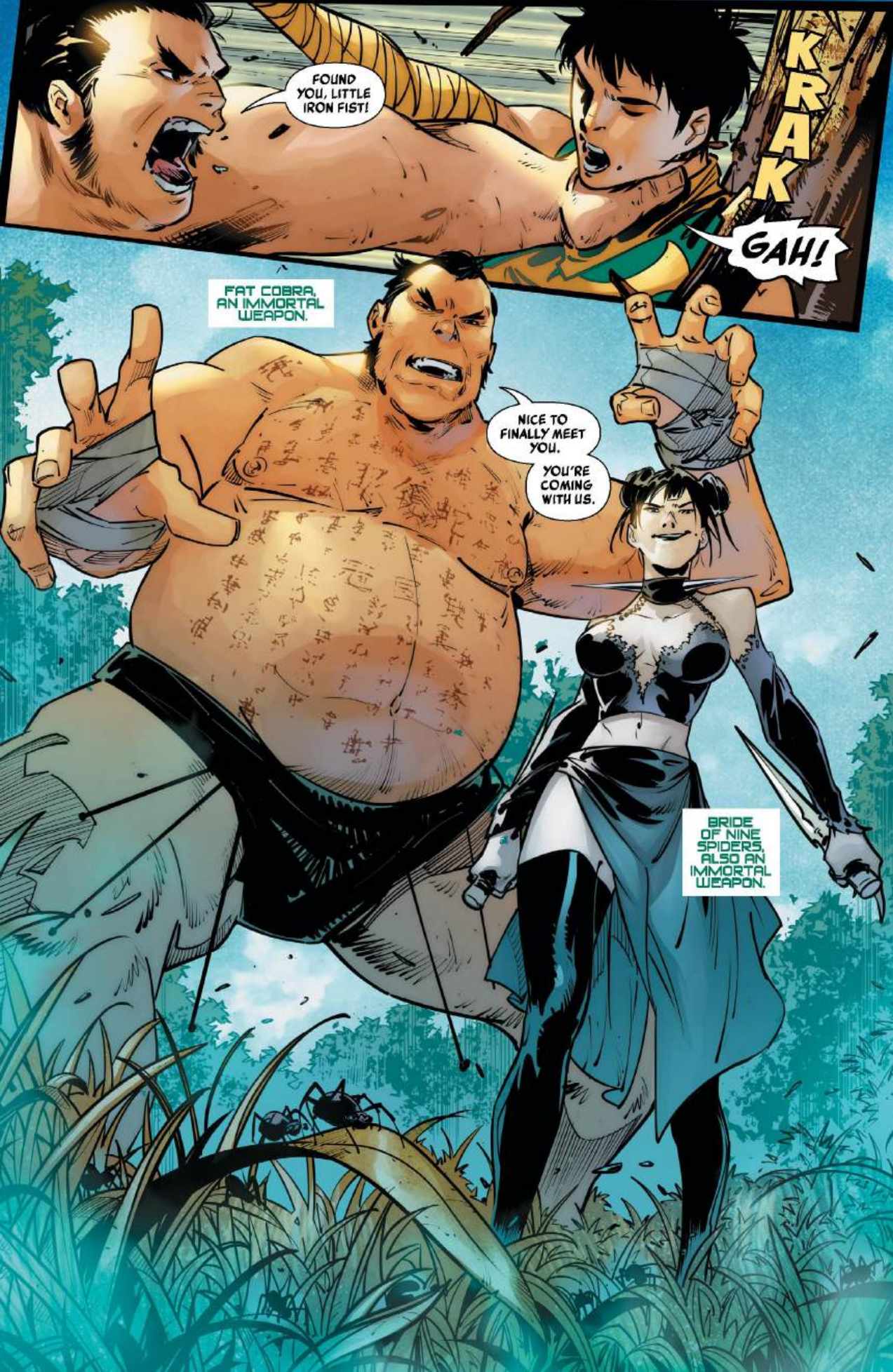
HAH... YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.
WHILE YOU FOUGHT ME HERE IN K'UN-LUN...
"...THE SEAL ON THE FIRST OF THE DARK DESTROYER'S TOMBS WAS BROKEN.

HELLO, CHIYOU.
"AND NOW THAT MY MASTER HAS GOTTEN WHAT HE WANTED...

KRRRK
THERE YOU ARE.


"...THE REST WILL SOON FALL."
A BEAUTIFUL SCABBARD FOR A MISSING SWORD.
A SLIVER OF SACRED POWER... BUT MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR MY NEEDS.
IT SEEMS YOU DID LEAVE ME SOMETHING, FATHER.
I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR MY LITTLE BROTHER.
TELL HIM THAT I WILL BE WAITING FOR HIM AT THE SECOND TOMB OF CHIYOU...
...AND MY MASTER... IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU...
...LIN LIE.
MIN, MIN?
MA!
YOU'RE ALIVE. THANK THE HEAVENS.
WE NEED TO GET YOU TO A DOCTOR. SPARROW YU-TI WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO.
WHY DOES IT SOUND LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE...?
I'M SORRY, MA...


"THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO... FOR BA'S SAKE."
UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, CHINA.
YOU'RE SURE YOU KNOW THE WAY TO CHIYOU'S SECOND TOMB?
I THINK SO.
IT'S GUARDED BY THE TRIBE OF NÜ-WA.
I'VE BEEN THERE ONCE BEFORE, BUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE... COMPLICATED.
WELL, IF WE LOSE YOU IN THE FOG, WE'LL JUST FOLLOW THOSE BRIGHT GREEN FISTS.
I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO TURN THEM OFF!
UGH, THIS FOREST IS FULL OF COBWEBS.
IS IT?
I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING A LOT OF--
--SPIDERS?!
THAT'S A LOT OF SPIDERS!
JE
LIN LIE, WATCH OUT!


FOUND YOU, LITTLE IRON FIST!
KRAK
GAH!
FAT COBRA, AN IMMORTAL WEAPON.
NICE TO FINALLY MEET YOU.
YOU'RE COMING WITH US.
BRIDE OF NINE SPIDERS, ALSO AN IMMORTAL WEAPON.

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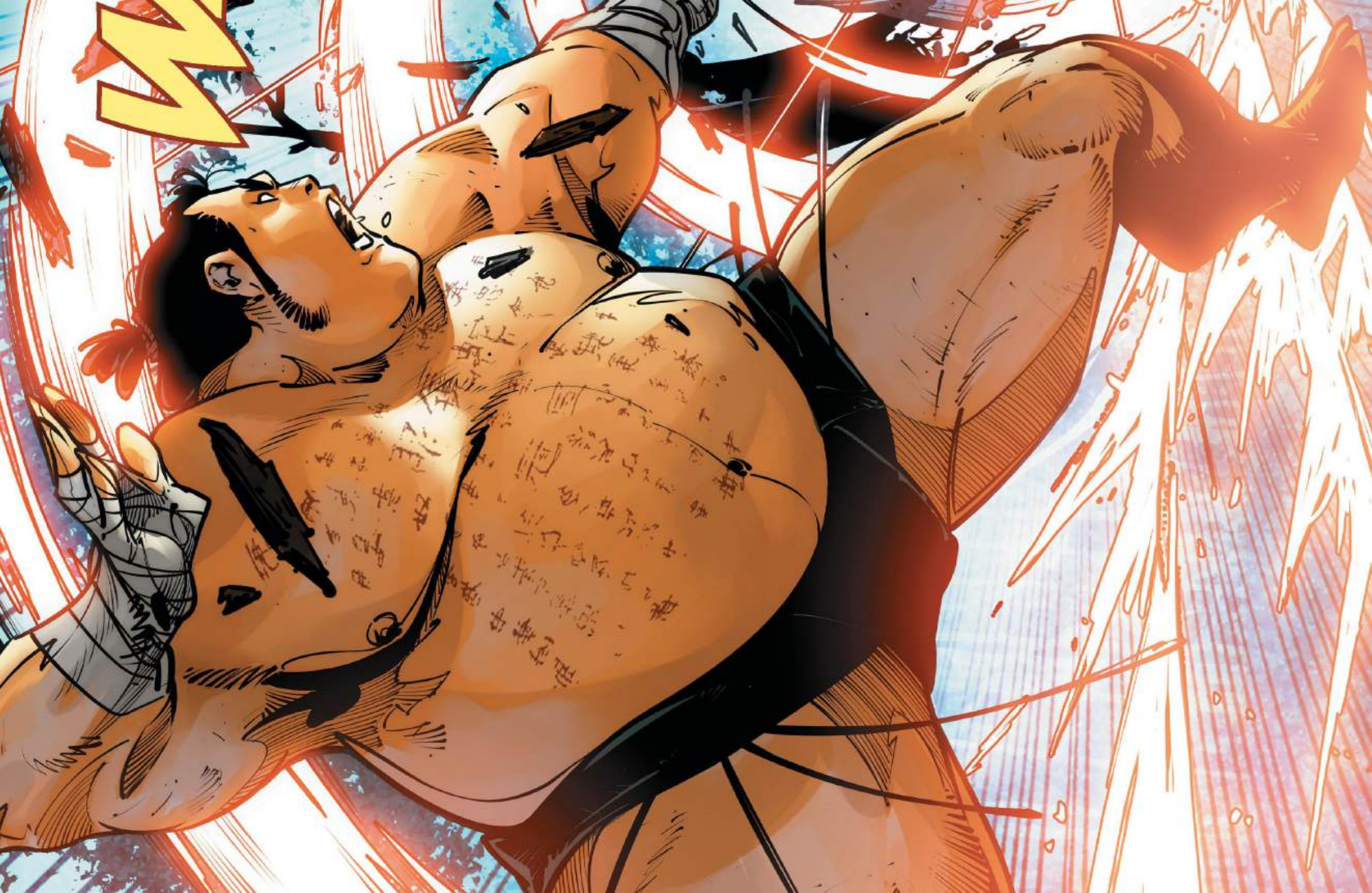
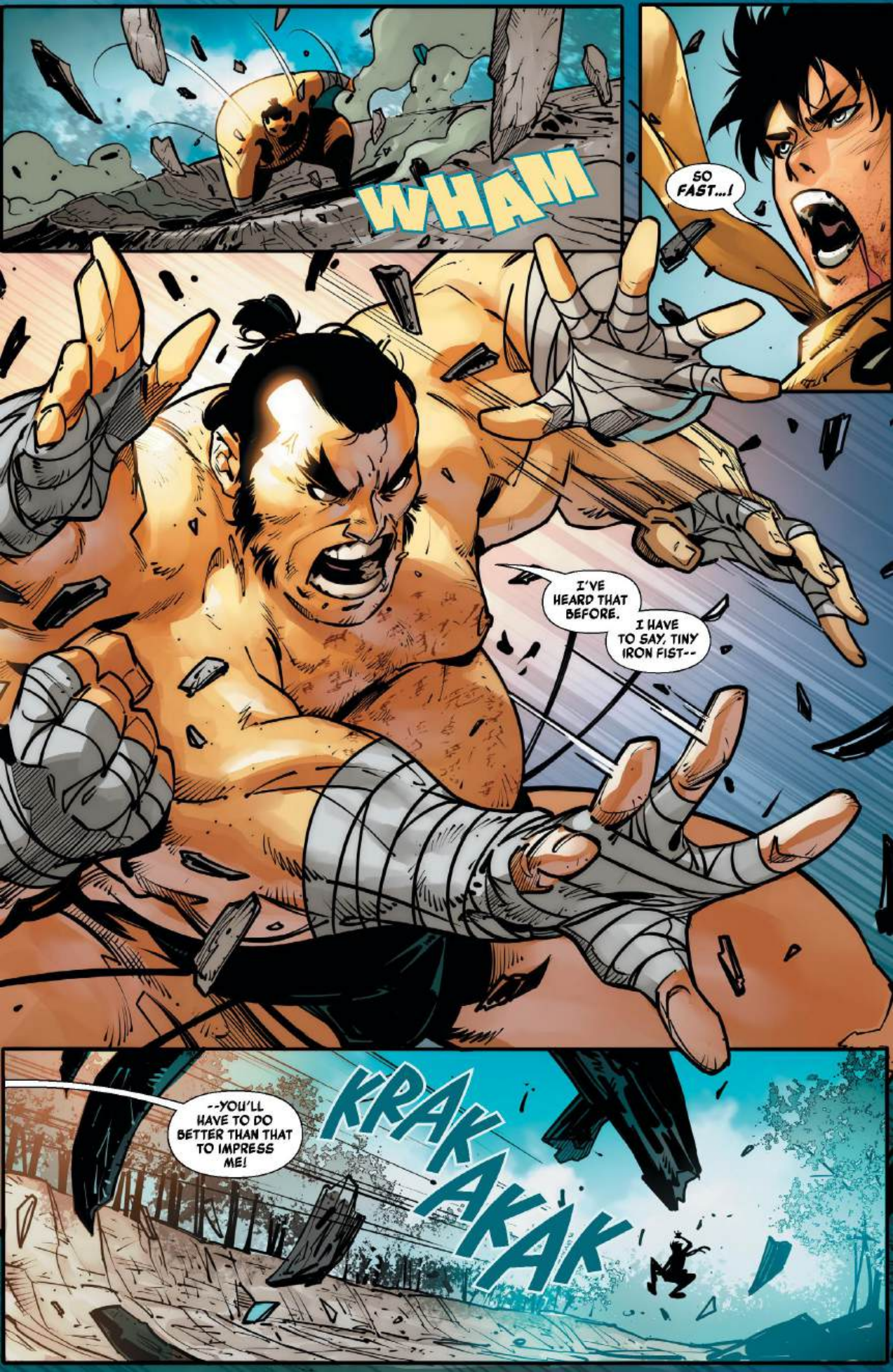
GANSU, CHINA.
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
LIN LIE, A.K.A. THE IRON FIST.
THAT'S FAT COBRA AND THE BRIDE OF NINE SPIDERS--TWO OF THE IMMORTAL WEAPONS AND CHAMPIONS OF THE HEAVENLY CITIES!
IT'S AN HONOR.
MEI MIN.
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT IS AN HONOR!
FAT COBRA, IMMORTAL WEAPON.
JE JE JE JE JE...
BRIDE OF NINE SPIDERS, IMMORTAL WEAPON.
WE ARE DEFINITELY GOING TO DIE.
YANG YI.



HAM
KRRAK
AAGH!

CRASH!
LIN LIE!
HCK!
JE JE JE...
I KNOW, I KNOW.
WE SHOULD INFORM DANNY RAND THAT WE HAVE TRACKED DOWN THE IRON FIST...
...I WISH TO TEST THIS LITTLE CHAMPION OF K'UN-LUN MYSELF!
...BUT FIRST...


WHAM
SO FAST...!
I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE.
I HAVE TO SAY, TINY IRON FIST--
--YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO IMPRESS ME!
KRAKAKAK

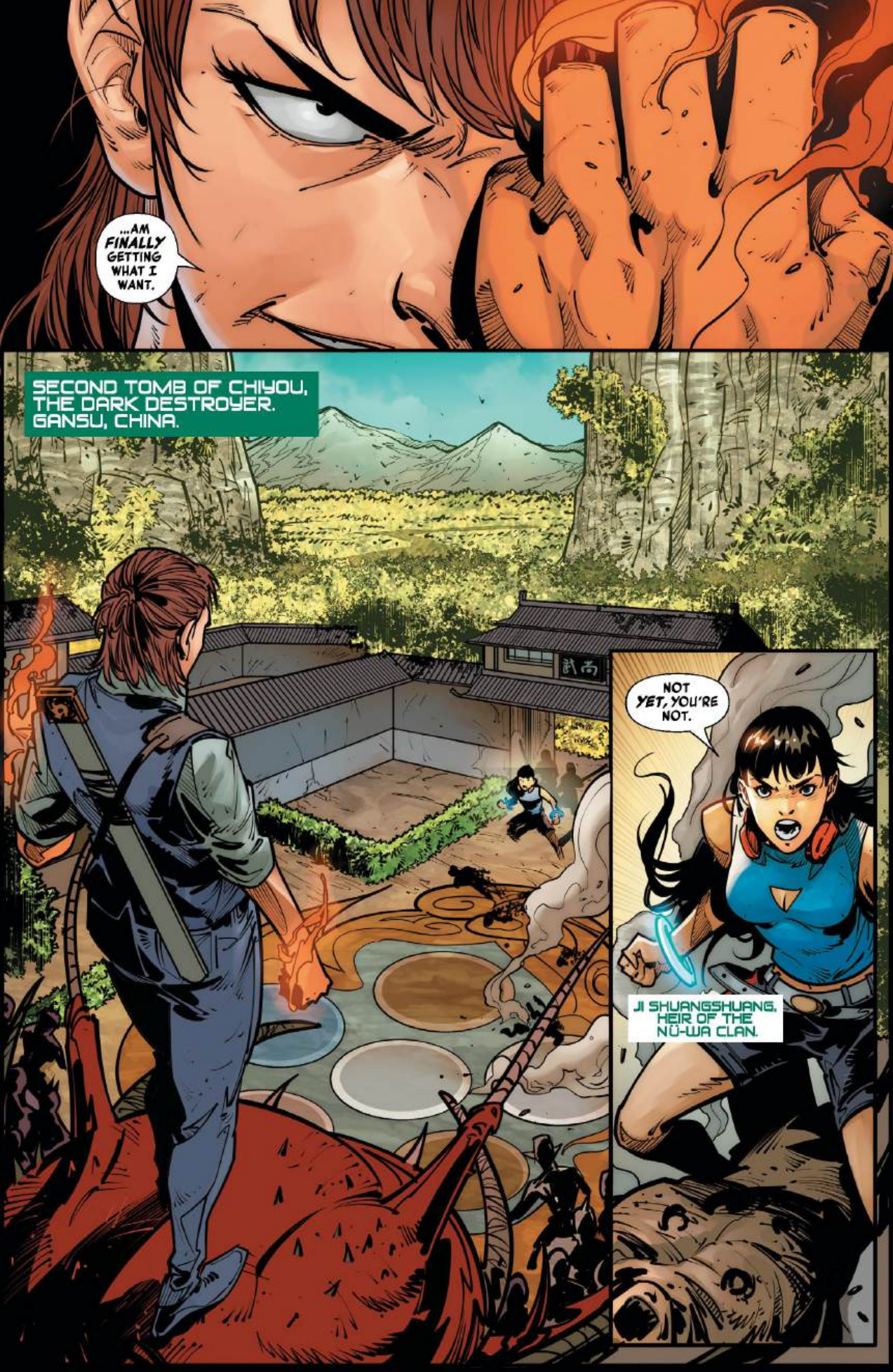
KRAKAK
GHH...!
I'M NOT--
GRAB
--HERE--
FWIP
--TO IMPRESS YOU!
NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY!

KRAKOOM

FSSHHH
NO WAY...
I TOLD YOU...
...WHEN YOU'RE FACING AN IMMORTAL WEAPON, A SIMPLE CHI-INFUSED PUNCH IS JUST A WARM-UP.
FSSSHHHHH

HAH! YOU ARE NOT THE FIRST IRON FIST I HAVE FACED IN GLORIOUS COMBAT!
DANNY RAND GAVE ME QUITE THE FIGHT--
--BUT HE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR HOW WEAK HIS SUCCESSOR IS!
JE JE JE JE!
NO--ALL OF K'UN-LUN MUST BE DISAPPOINTED IN THEIR CHAMPION!
A CHILD IN THE COMPANY OF CHILDREN.
NO CHAMPION AT ALL.

NO IRON FIST.
SSSTT
SSSSSTTT
NO.
YES.
WHAM
AAGH!
GET IT TOGETHER, LIE!
NGH...
I CAN'T-- I CAN'T SUMMON SHOU-LAO'S CHI!
I... I...


...AM FINALLY GETTING WHAT I WANT.
SECOND TOMB OF CHIYOU, THE DARK DESTROYER. GANSU, CHINA.
NOT YET, YOU'RE NOT.
JI SHUANGSHUANG, HEIR OF THE NÜ-WA CLAN.

VOOSH
SHUANGSHUANG! WE STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE CHIEF--
VOOSH
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO PROTECT CHIYOU'S TOMB OURSELVES.
GRANDMA ENTRUSTED ME WITH THE GAUNTLET OF NÜ-WA.
I WON'T LET HER DOWN!
ANOTHER SACRED WEAPON, JUST LIKE THE SWORD OF FU XI.
WHAT INTERESTING BRACELETS!
WON'T YOU SHOW THEM TO ME?
YOU CAN SEE THEM UP CLOSE WHEN I PUT YOU IN THE GROUND!
KRAAAAA--

GANSU, CHINA.
--KOOOM
LUKE, DID YOU SEE THAT EXPLOSION?!
I'M TRYING TO DRIVE DOWN THIS HELL ROAD, DANNY. DON'T DISTRACT ME.
DANNY RAND.
LUKE CAGE.
YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO DRIVE FASTER.
"SOMETHING BIG IS COMING...
--KOOOM...
"...AND I'M WORRIED WE'RE NOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO STOP IT."
THE TOMB.
YOU NEED TO GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, LIE!
WE'LL BUY YOU TIME!

KRUNCH
UH...AS MUCH TIME AS WE CAN.
I HAVE AN IDEA.
GIVE ME A BOOST?
YOU GOT IT!
HWOK
WHO NEEDS FISTS ANYWAY?
ANOTHER ONE, MEI MIN!
HWOK

ONE MORE BOOST--
FWOOSH
--COMING RIGHT UP!
THE SHARDS ARE PULLING ME IN THAT DIRECTION.
PLEASE DON'T BE TOO LATE...
COME ON, THEN!
BRIDE OF NINE SPIDERS, FAT COBRA, I CHALLENGE YOU TO A TEST OF COMBAT!
I'M MEI MIN, FUTURE THUNDERER OF K'UN-LUN.
AND I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO FIGHT AN IMMORTAL WEAPON!

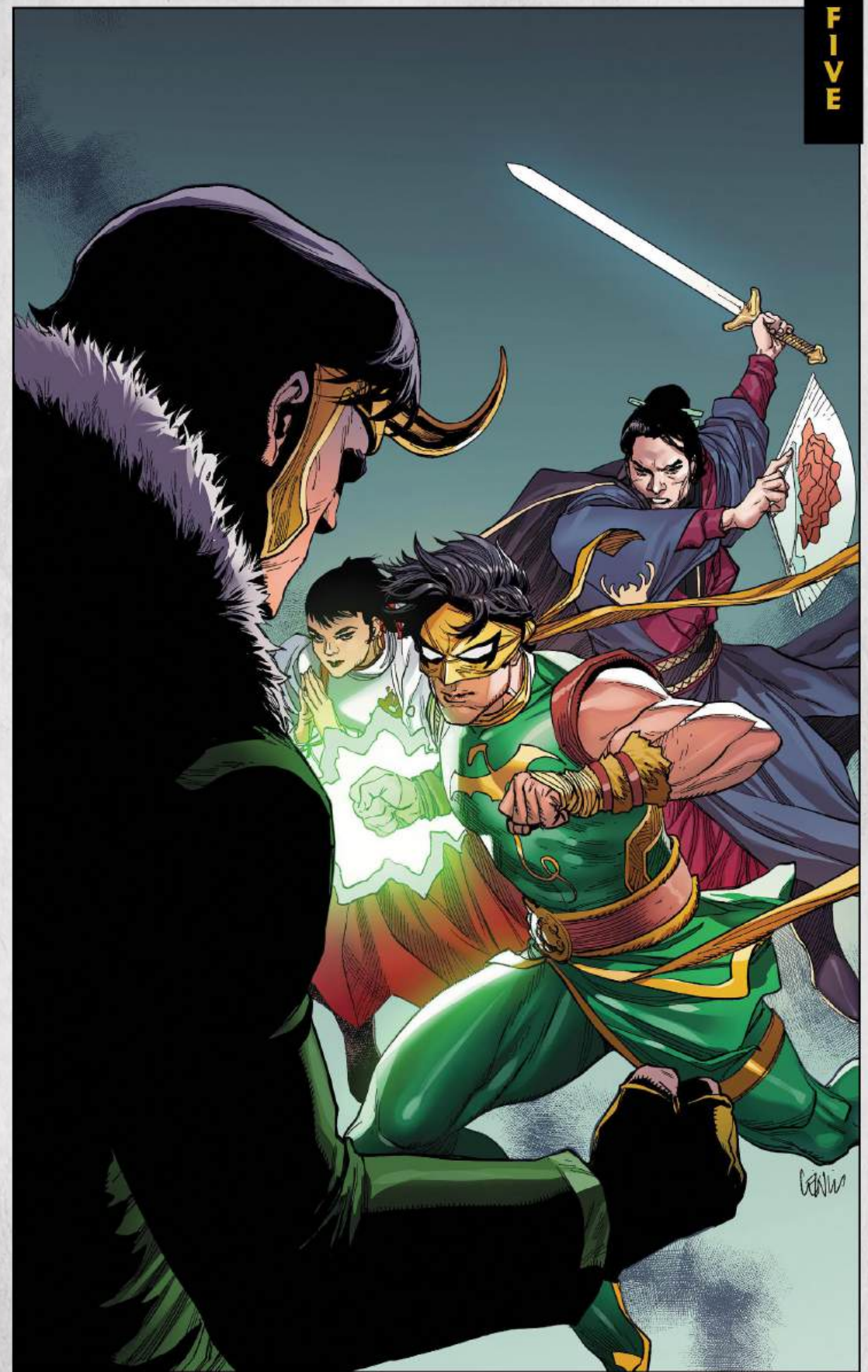
HEY, ISN'T THAT--?
THAT'S THE GUY!
THAT'S THE IRON FIST!
VWIP
MY NAME IS LIN LIE, AND I'M GONNA BE HONEST: I'VE BEEN HAVING A PRETTY ROUGH DAY.
DEMONS, IMMORTAL WEAPONS... IT'S A LOT.
THAT'S LEARNING ON THE JOB, I GUESS.
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T SUMMON THE IRON FIST, I CAN STILL FEEL SHOU-LAO'S CHI BURNING INSIDE ME AS I APPROACH CHIYOU'S TOMB.
CONSUMING EVERY BIT OF ME LIKE A WILDFIRE.
IT FEELS LIKE I'M DYING.
BUT I CAN'T DIE. NOT YET.
NOT AGAIN.
NOT UNTIL I STOP CHIYOU.

WHSSSSSSHH
OH MY GOD.
HEY, DRAGON CHI...?
NOW WOULD BE A REALLY GOOD TIME TO SHOW UP.

LITERALLY ANY TIME NOW!
THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM.
SHOU-LAO? CAN WE WORK SOMETHING OUT?
SPARROW YU-TI TAUGHT ME TO BREATHE DEEPLY AND FOCUS ON MY CHI. COAX THE DRAGON OUT.
NO? OKAY.
OKAY.
BUT I'M STARTING TO THINK YANG YI WAS RIGHT.
RROOOAAR!!
&#!%.
I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO DIE.

KA-BOOOM
UAAGH!
GHH...CAN'T... BREATHE...
...SHUANGSHUANG...?
HEY, LIE.

F-FENG GEGE...?
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LITTLE BROTHER.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU.
NOW...I'M GOING TO NEED THOSE PIECES OF OUR FAMILY SWORD.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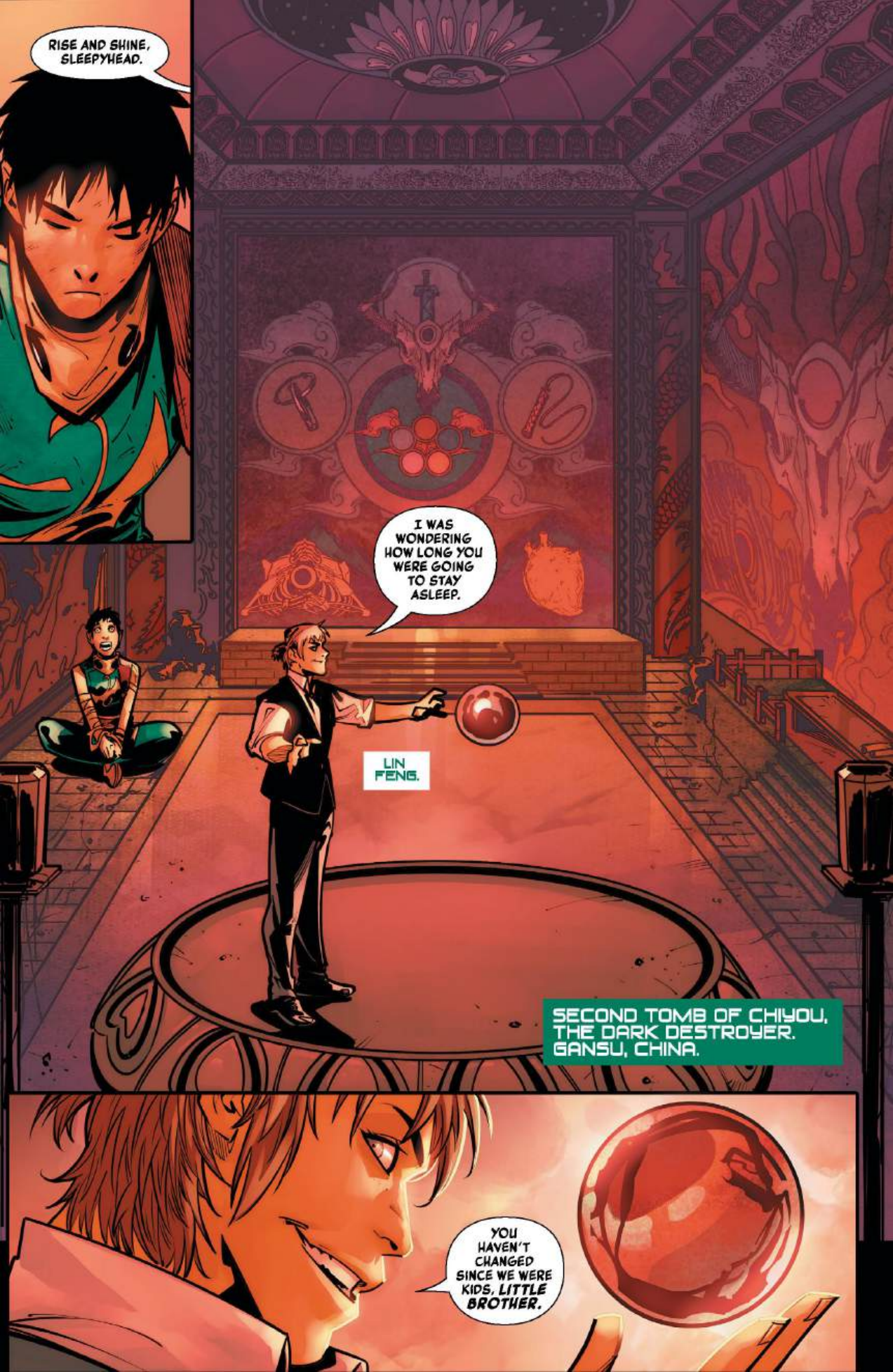
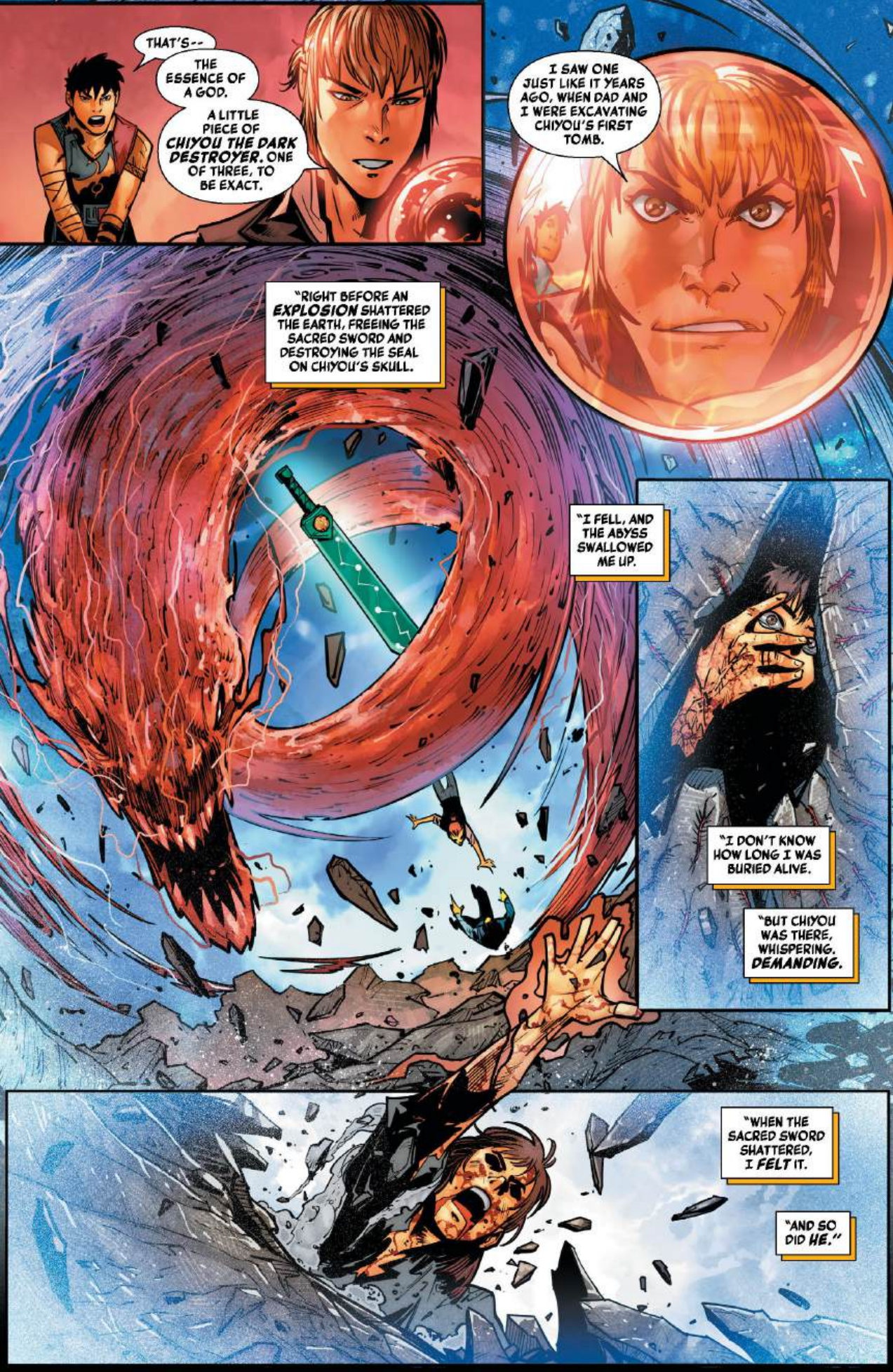
LIN LIE.
LIN LIE.

WHAP
WAKE UP.
BLUH!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STAY ASLEEP?
YOU'RE... YOU'RE SHOU-LAO THE UNDYING! IMMORTAL DRAGON OF K'UN-LUN!
CLEARLY.
OUCH... DID YOU HAVE TO HIT ME THAT HARD?
I'M SORRY, YOU WERE DEAD A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND NOW YOU'RE COMPLAINING ABOUT A GENTLE LOVE TAP?
ARE YOU AN IRON FIST OR NOT?
I--I DON'T KNOW.
WHY CAN'T I SUMMON YOUR POWER?
WELL, BECAUSE YOU'RE A MESS.
YOU'RE STILL FIGHTING YOUR DESTINY.
HOW ARROGANT.
KSSSH

YOU DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF SELF-DOUBT.
THE FATE OF K'UN-LUN AND YOUR WORLD ARE LINKED. THEY ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.
YOU ARE THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THEM.
YOUR SACRED SWORD HAS NOT ABANDONED YOU, SWORD MASTER.
IT CLUNG TO YOU AS IF IT COULDN'T BEAR TO BE PARTED.
LISTEN CLOSELY AND YOU CAN STILL HEAR IT.
MANY PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN MY POWER.
BUT I HAVE ONLY GIFTED IT TO A FEW.
I CHOSE YOU FOR A REASON.
I HOPE YOU CAN LIVE UP TO IT.
GOOD LUCK!
WAIT--!
SHING
AHH--!


RISE AND SHINE, SLEEPYHEAD.
I WAS WONDERING HOW LONG YOU WERE GOING TO STAY ASLEEP.
LIN FENG.
SECOND TOMB OF CHIYOU, THE DARK DESTROYER. GANSU, CHINA.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE WE WERE KIDS, LITTLE BROTHER.


THAT'S--
THE ESSENCE OF A GOD.
A LITTLE PIECE OF CHIYOU THE DARK DESTROYER. ONE OF THREE, TO BE EXACT.
I SAW ONE JUST LIKE IT YEARS AGO, WHEN DAD AND I WERE EXCAVATING CHIYOU'S FIRST TOMB.
"RIGHT BEFORE AN EXPLOSION SHATTERED THE EARTH, FREEING THE SACRED SWORD AND DESTROYING THE SEAL ON CHIYOU'S SKULL.
"I FELL, AND THE ABYSS SWALLOWED ME UP.
"I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I WAS BURIED ALIVE.
"BUT CHIYOU WAS THERE, WHISPERING. DEMANDING.
"WHEN THE SACRED SWORD SHATTERED, I FELT IT.
"AND SO DID HE."

YOU'RE TRYING TO RESURRECT CHIYOU?!
FENG, NO--YOU HAVE TO FIGHT HIS CORRUPTION! HE'LL DESTROY THE WORLD!
NOT IF THE TWO OF US KILL HIM FIRST.
SGT
LIE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS SCABBARD IS?
IT'S A RELIC FROM CHIYOU'S FIRST TOMB...AND THE OTHER HALF OF THE SACRED SWORD OF FU XI.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE SHARDS, BUT I'VE ALSO BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
I DO WANT TO RESURRECT THE DARK DESTROYER.
AND ONCE HE ARRIVES, WE CAN FULFILL OUR FAMILY'S DUTY. REASSEMBLE THE SWORD AND USE ITS SACRED POWER TO SLAY HIM.
ONCE HE'S DEAD, WE'LL BOTH BE FREE.
I JUST WANT TO GO HOME.
NO MORE SWORDS OR MAGICAL DESTINIES. NO MORE DEMONS OR DARK MAGIC.
JUST... BE A NORMAL FAMILY AGAIN.
I WANT THAT MORE THAN ANYTHING, GEGE.

BUT I KNOW YOU'RE LYING TO ME.
"FIRST OFF, IF YOU WERE THAT DESPERATE TO FIND ME, YOU COULD HAVE JUST TEXTED ME.
"AND THE WHOLE MURDEROUS DEMON HORDE?
"KIND OF A DEAD GIVEAWAY. NOT EXACTLY GOOD GUY STUFF.
"YOU CHOSE TO HURT SO MANY PEOPLE.
"MEI MIN'S FAMILY, THE WARRIORS OF SHUANGSHUANG'S CLAN...
"MAYBE YOU DO WANT TO KILL CHIYOU.
"BUT I CAN NEVER TRUST YOU AGAIN.
"EVEN WITHOUT THE SWORD, THE DEMON MAGIC, THE IRON FIST... WE'D STILL BE WHO WE ARE."

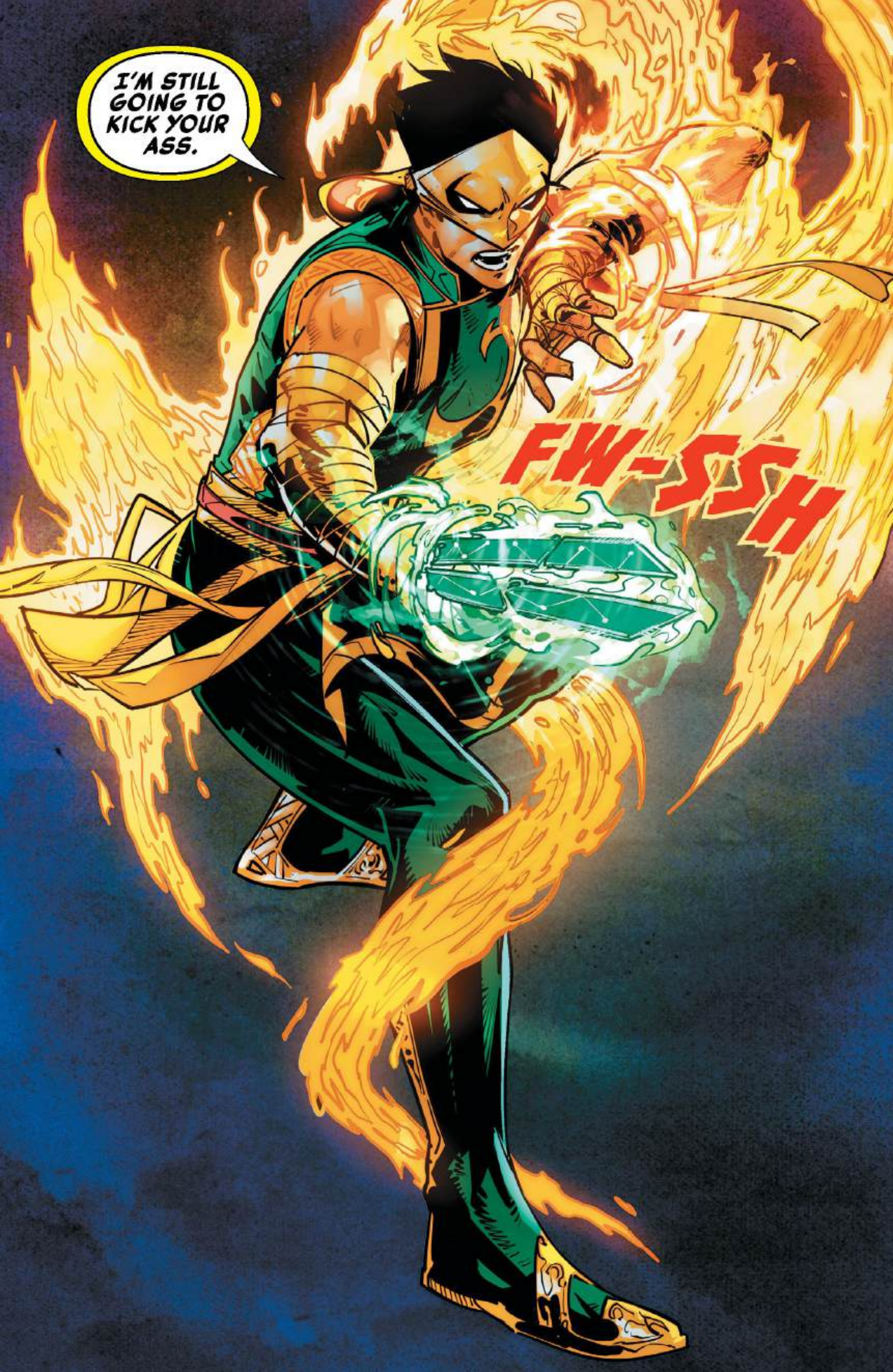
I DON'T NEED THESE SWORD SHARDS TO TELL ME--
--THERE'S NO COMING BACK FROM THIS, FENG.
YOU'RE KILLING ME, BABY BROTHER.
IF I CAN'T HAVE YOUR COOPERATION, I'LL SETTLE FOR THOSE SHARDS!

SO WHAT, YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE UP YOUR FAMILY DUTY TO PLAY "WARRIOR OF K'UN-LUN"?
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN CHILDISH, BUT THIS IS EMBARRASSING!
WHAM
I'VE HEARD THAT YOU HAVE TO TEAR OUT A DRAGON'S HEART TO OBTAIN THE IRON FIST.
I THOUGHT YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, WOULD UNDERSTAND SLAYING A GOD TO STEAL ITS POWER.
AAGH!
KKZSSH
I'D NEVER KILL SHOU-LAO!
WHOK
MAYBE THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
KRKZ
YOU CAN'T SUMMON THE DRAGON'S POWER BECAUSE IT DOESN'T RESPECT YOU.
KRKSSH
GYAAH!

YOU HAVEN'T EARNED IT...
...OR TAKEN IT FOR YOURSELF.
KRRRRZ
SHKK

MEI MIN!
YANG YI!
THE IMMORTAL WEAPONS...
...AND THAT GUY FROM THE NEW YORK SUBWAY?!
YOU'VE MADE SO MANY FRIENDS, BABY BROTHER.
AND YOU BROUGHT THEM ALL HERE TO DIE.
WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT LIKE THIS, LIE!
FWOOSH
COME WITH ME. WE'LL FIGURE THIS WHOLE THING OUT.
GIVE ME THE SHARDS AND WE CAN GO HOME.
THEY DON'T HAVE TO DIE FOR YOUR MISTAKES.

YOU'RE RIGHT.
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DIE.
I'VE BEEN SO SCARED OF LETTING EVERYONE DOWN.
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU HURT THEM.
A HERO WITH A BROKEN SWORD.
AN IRON FIST WITH BROKEN HANDS.
TWO IMPOSSIBLE SOURCES OF POWER WAGING WAR INSIDE MY BODY.
THE SACRED SWORD OF FU XI CHOSE ME.
AND SO DID SHOU-LAO THE UNDYING.
BUT IN THIS MOMENT, I REALIZE MY MISTAKE--AND I FEEL THEM SHIFT INTO ALIGNMENT.
I DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THESE TWO IDENTITIES.
I'M BOTH.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO I AM.
SWORD MASTER OR IRON FIST.


I'M STILL GOING TO KICK YOUR ASS.
FW-SSH

KKSH
WHAT-- IS THAT THE SACRED SWORD?!
FWUUM
LOOKS LIKE AN ANCIENT, EVIL-DISPELLING SWORD AND AN ANCIENT GUARDIAN SPIRIT HAVE A LOT IN COMMON.
WHO COULD'VE GUESSED?
AND IT TURNS OUT THEY BOTH TRUST ME.
WHKK

AARGH!
SHUNKK
SHK
KSSS
UGH... THAT BLADE BURNS!
CALL OFF YOUR ARMY, GEGE.
IF YOU DON'T, I WILL STAB YOU AGAIN.

"AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT.
=ROOAAR!=
JE JE JE!
AW, THANKS.
WARRIORS OF K'UN-LUN!
TODAY, WE FIGHT FOR OUR OWN-- AND FOR THE IRON FIST!
THERE YOU ARE.
THAT'S WHY I WAS LATE, LUKE. HAD TO MAKE A CALL!

SPARROW YU-TI!
THE ESTEEMED LEADER OF K'UN-LUN HAS ARRIVED ON THE BATTLEFIELD!
NOW THINGS WILL GET INTERESTING!
HELLO, DANNY.
SPARROW! YOU MADE IT!
AS SOON AS I RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE, I RALLIED OUR FORCES AND OPENED THE PORTAL.
PLEASE, FENG. I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.
COME WITH ME. LET ME HELP YOU.
OH, LITTLE BROTHER.
YOU ALREADY HAVE.

I COULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN INTO K'UN-LUN ON MY OWN.
BUT THANKS TO YOUR FRIENDS, THAT DOOR IS WIDE OPEN.

SACRIFICING A FEW THOUSAND DEMONS? WORTH IT TO GAIN MY OWN KINGDOM.
NO!
BYE, LIE.
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, I'M SURE.
FENG!
VORP
HE'S GONE.

WE'RE LOCKED OUT OF K'UN-LUN.
WE'LL FIND A WAY BACK. RIGHT, SPARROW YU-TI?
IT WILL TAKE TIME...BUT WE'LL FIND A WAY TO REOPEN A PORTAL.
TRUST ME, KID. THIS ISN'T EVEN CLOSE TO THE WORST THING I'VE DONE.
NICE SPIKE, BY THE WAY.
K'UN-LUN'S BEST WARRIORS ARE STRANDED HERE.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM UNTIL THEY CAN RETURN HOME--RAND CORPORATION HAS PLENTY OF HOUSING.
IN THE MEANTIME, THEY NEED THEIR IRON FIST--AND THAT'S YOU.
LIKE I SAID THE FIRST TIME WE MET--LET ME HELP YOU.
I'LL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT BEING AN IRON FIST.
WELL, THE ONLY KIND OF IRON FIST I KNOW HOW TO BE... ME.
I...I THINK I'D LIKE THAT.
YESSSS!
I HAVE SOME OTHER TEACHERS I NEED TO SEEK OUT AS WELL.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...BUT I HOPE SHANG-CHI AND WHITE FOX WILL FORGIVE ME.
I'VE GOT SOME COOL NEW TRICKS TO SHOW THEM.

K'UN-LUN.
I HAVE TO SAY, LIN FENG, I'M IMPRESSED.
FINDING A WAY INTO K'UN-LUN IS NO EASY FEAT FOR A MORTAL.
LOKI, GOD OF STORIES.
HELLO, LOKI.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE. IS THIS A SOCIAL CALL?
I JUST WANTED TO SEE HOW YOUR CONQUEST WAS GOING.
EVEN WITHOUT ITS LEADER, K'UN-LUN IS NOT A CITY THAT FALLS QUIETLY.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
I CAME HERE FOR A REASON, AND I KNOW I'M CLOSE TO FINDING IT...

THE THIRD AND FINAL TOMB OF CHIYOU... IS *HERE* IN *K'UN-LUN.*
AND I WILL *RAZE THIS WHOLE CITY* TO FIND IT.
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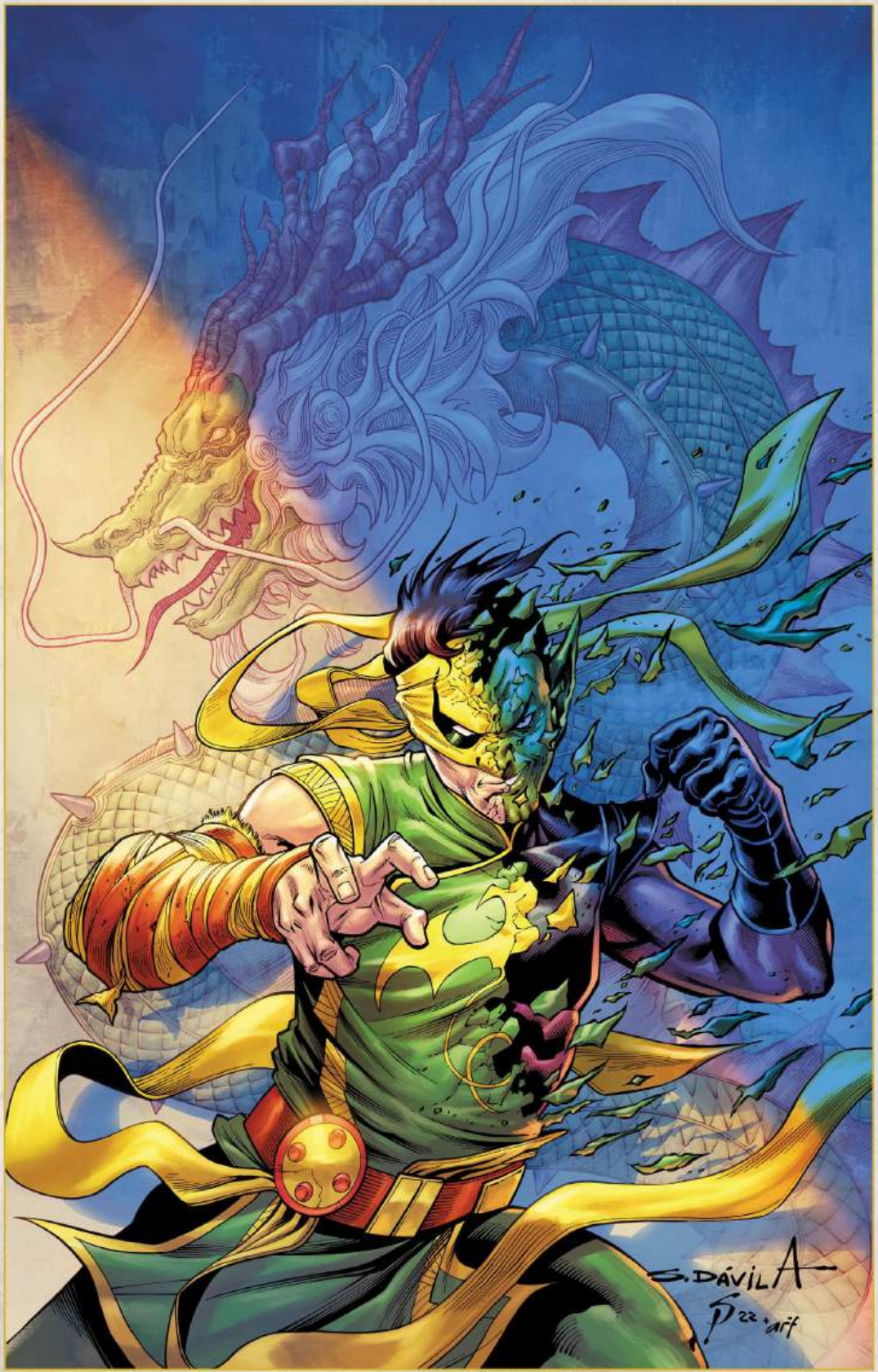

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DANNY RAND NO LONGER WIELDS HIS LEGENDARY POWER. He's just a guy who knows kung fu. So who will take Danny's place as the Iron Fist? A new heroic legacy begins as a young warrior in great pain turns to the martial arts masters of K'un-Lun for aid – and gets far more than he bargained for! Can this lost soul balance his chi, win the favor of Shou-Lao the Undying and join a long line of champions? The world had better hope so, because a dark god is rising – and all hope of stopping him lies with the newest Iron Fist! Meanwhile, Danny is searching for his successor – and may have to cash in a favor from an old friend! But he isn't the only one hunting the new Iron Fist! Who will find him first?

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